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Survey of Grantee Data Technical Assistance (GDTA) Learning Communities

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

This survey is intended to collect qualitative information about the changes in your organization associated with participation in a Grantee Data Technical Assistance (GDTA) Learning Community. Individual responses will not be released to federal staff or individual TA providers. The results of the survey will only be presented in aggregate form so that individual responses cannot be identified.

The survey will require no more than 10 minutes to complete. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary.

For questions regarding this survey, please contact the GDTA Evaluator, Dr. Steven T. Sullivan, by telephone at 301-385-6693 or by email at sts@cloudburstgroup.com.

For further information regarding GDTA activities, please go to: <https://gdta.samhsa.gov/>

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Learning Communities Technical Assistance (TA) Survey

Please complete this survey if you have participated in **one or more GDTA Learning Community activities during the last six months**. Examples of activities include webinars, workshops, and Learning Community group meetings.

Please do **not** complete this survey if you have **not** been a part of one or more GDTA Learning Community activities during the last six months.

The following questions ask about any changes related to participating in the GDTA Learning Community over the last six months.

Understanding of Data-Driven Culture

Based on your experiences in the GDTA Learning Community, did you increase your understanding of any of the following areas?

Mark all that apply.

- Collection of data
- Management of data
- Utilization of data
- Other areas → **Please specify:** _____

Your Focus Areas

Which of the following are focus areas of your GDTA Learning Community?

Mark all that apply and flip to each of the corresponding pages.

- Building a Culture of Evidence → **PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION A ON THE NEXT PAGE**
- Institutionalizing Performance Improvement with Data → **PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION B ON PAGE 4**
- Data Collection and Data Quality Standards → **PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION C ON PAGE 5**
- Data Integration and Data Reporting → **PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION D ON PAGE 6**
- Data Use and Data Visualization → **PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION E ON PAGE 7**

Section A

Building a Culture of Evidence

The next questions ask about changes in your organization's relationship to performance and outcome data.

A1. As a result of participating in GDTA activities over the past six months, has your organization...

	Yes	No	Don't know/ not sure
a. Increased its capacity to measure the relative impact of agency/program services?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased its understanding of how to link data outcomes with goal-setting objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Increased its capacity to communicate inter-related complex data findings in easy-to-digest formats to funders, program leaders, staff, and strategic partners?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Increased its capacity to use data for mid-course corrections as well as statements of need and planning for new interventions?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Changed policies to promote greater use of performance or impact data?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B

Institutionalizing Performance Improvement with Data

The next questions ask about any changes in organizational roles or responsibilities as they relate to data.

- B1.** As a result of **participating in GDTA activities** over the **past six months**, has your organization **established or changed functional roles and core competencies for performance improvement staff and/or goal leaders in the following:**

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Not sure
a. Information management.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Organizational performance analysis.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Problem solving.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Bringing evidence-based practices to scale.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Performance measurement planning and reporting.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Monitoring strategic goals and objectives with data.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Evaluating program performance.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Assessing stakeholder engagement.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Monitoring system impacts with data.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C

Data Collection/Data Quality Standards

The next questions ask about any changes to organizational standards relating to data.

C1. As a result of participating in GDTA activities over the past six months, has your organization...

	Yes	No	Don't know/ not sure
a. Increased internal understanding of the link between program activities and performance outcomes?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Increased internal understanding of the purpose of requirements for follow-up and timely reporting?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Increased internal understanding of why quality performance measurement depends on quality of data input?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Increased visibility and accessibility of data-related performance measures?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Managed data analysis with more transparent and more consistent methods?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Developed and implemented effective performance measurement review systems relying on hard data?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section D

Data Integration and Data Reporting

The next questions ask about any changes in tying together internal and external data, adopting a holistic approach to data, or expanding the intersection of stakeholders and data.

D1. As a result of participating in GDTA activities over the past six months, has your organization...

	Yes	No	Don't know/ not sure
a. Increased its understanding of the relationship between outcomes, performance measures, service activities, outputs, and inputs (i.e., Logic Models/Theory of Change)?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Expanded use of secondary data sources, including CDC, CMS, Health Claims, Epidemiology and Surveillance datasets?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Expanded its ability to communicate complex statistical findings to non-statisticians?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Expanded analysis techniques to understand the impact of intervention and external factors in relation to secondary/environmental datasets?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Expanded the use of client satisfaction surveys to understand customer-focused outcomes?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Developed data analysis reports for program design/strategic decision-making?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Linked performance outcomes with budget inputs?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Increased its understanding of data warehouse capacities to unify the collection, storage, analysis, and sharing of data?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section E

Data Use/Data Visualization

The next questions ask about any changes in financing.

E1. As a result of participating in GDTA activities over the past six months, has your organization...

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Not sure
a. Used performance measures that assess progress towards strategic aims for program initiatives?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Developed a decision-making process for sharing performance or evaluation results with key decision-makers?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Presented performance measurement results within specific timeframes?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Used case studies to present a human story behind metrics?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Learned how to share difficult and challenging performance results for system-impact mid-course corrections?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Used summary data points that are easily digestible and useful for decision-makers?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Learned to tell its story with data outcomes, data visualization tools, and brief case studies?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Created dynamic visualizations, dashboards, or geospatial maps to communicate easy-to-understand results to decision-makers and stakeholders?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Learned how to use performance results to guide scenario planning for future goals, objectives, and/or new initiatives?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Closing Questions

Did you feel that you learned something from participation in the Learning Community?

CL1. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. The Learning Community presented ideas that are useful to me in my current job.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I would present ideas from the Learning Community to other people in my organization.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I would present ideas from the Learning Community to other people in my community.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Thank you for participating in our survey!
We look forward to serving you at future GDTA events.**