

SEARCHING FOR MODEL PROGRAMS

TIP SHEET

There are many ways to find the various model programs that have been approved both state- and nationwide. This is a list of resources to search model programs and determine 1) their characteristics, such as cost and target populations; 2) which agency/ies have approved them; and 3) how a program meets a county's identified needs.

Sources for finding model programs are:

SAMHSA:

The federal Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has an extensive website which provides lists of programs it has found effective, divided into three categories. You can search the site based upon content focus, population to be served, and domain, or you can simply browse alphabetically. It also offers a tool for comparing programs:

http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov/template_cf.cfm?page=model_list

WestCAPT:

The Western Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies website is an excellent resource for finding programs that have been used, replicated, reviewed and found to be effective, including an indicator of whether a practice has been found effective by SAMHSA. An overview of "best practices" and what that term means, can be found at <http://www.unr.edu/westcapt/bestpractices/bestprac.htm>

You can search for a practice, based on your specific needs and populations:

<http://casatweb.ed.unr.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Step6.woa/3/wo/pgGfT91f1eCP9idS6vWSRw/0.0.7.1> ,

or you can review a list of all the CSAP best practices:

<http://casatweb.ed.unr.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Step6.woa/wa/getList>

Other sites:

Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice: <http://cecp.air.org/prev-ei/best.htm>

Alcohol Policy Network: http://www.apolnet.org/resources/res_best.html

The California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/rocp/mpractices/>

To see what model programs have been accepted by which agencies, SAMHSA provides a comparison matrix at:

<http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov/pdfs/ComparisonMatrix.pdf>