

# OHIO ATR HIGHLIGHTS

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### Ohio Expands Program with National Guard Focus

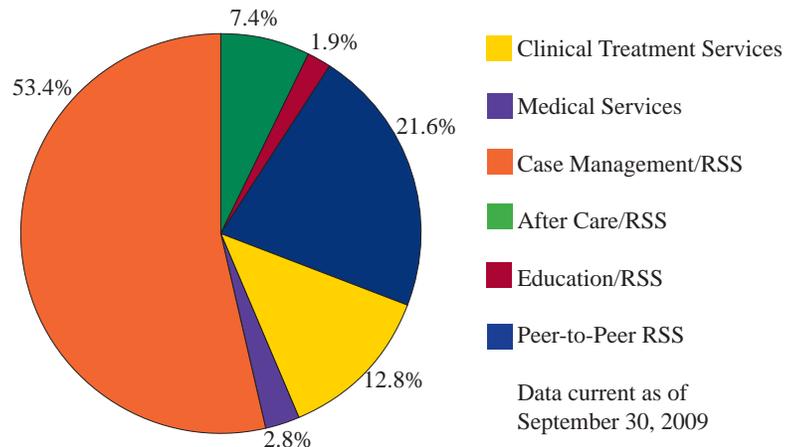
Ohio's three-year, \$13.9 million "Access to Recovery" (ATR) grant now includes Ohio National Guard service members returning from deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) who live in Cuyahoga, Mahoning, Stark and Summit Counties, and who do not currently have health insurance coverage.

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), the cabinet level state agency that applied for and administers the grant, originally designed its ATR program to provide community and faith-based treatment and recovery support service choices for adults residing in the four-county territory who suffer from a substance abuse disorder, have undergone an alcohol and other drug assessment within the past year, have a household income of 200% or less of the federal poverty level and have had recent criminal justice involvement. However, when the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration awarded Ohio an additional \$500,000 performance incentive at the start of its final year of implementation to be used at ODADAS' discretion.

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### Ohio Delivers Recovery Support Services, Exceeds Client Target Again



The Ohio Choice for Recovery program targets adults who are involved with the criminal justice population and have an alcohol or other drug diagnosis that is either current or in remission. The program serves Cuyahoga (Cleveland), Stark (Canton), Summit (Akron), and Mahoning (Youngstown) counties.

This quarter, the federal Services Accountability Improvement System (SAIS) that tracks ATR outcomes reports that Ohio's program has continued to deliver mostly recovery support services (RSS). A full array of RSS, including case management (53.4%), peer-to-peer services (21.6%), after care (7.4%), and education support (1.9%), accounted for nearly 85% of total services. Clinical treatment (12.8%) and medical services (2.8%) both exhibited a modest increase over the previous quarter.

Ohio's strong ATR awareness campaign, with marketing ads and radio public service announcements, has fueled another quarter of successful client intake numbers. The Ohio ATR project has served a cumulative total of 4,205 clients, exceeding its target of 3,687 by 518 and sustaining its strong upward trend this quarter.

The project also has demonstrated that it is having a positive impact on the clients it serves. A comparison of the intake versus discharge data for Ohio's ATR clients shows a 23.5% abstinence rate increase.

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"The decision to focus the ATR expansion incentive on the needs of Ohio's returning military personnel was a logical one. The demands of combat and the

stress associated with separation from one's family make this population especially vulnerable to substance abuse and addiction. And the stigma that surrounds these disorders often causes its sufferers, especially in the military, to avoid seeking help. As a state, we owe this service to our returning veterans," said ODADAS Director Angela Cornelius Dawson.

The Veterans' Expansion ATR grant has waived the income guidelines contained in the original grant and does not require its participants to have had criminal justice involvement. The cost of alcohol and other drug assessments, which are required for participation, will be covered by ATR for clients who are referred by from the Ohio National Guard Prevention and Treatment Outreach Coordinator.

To obtain alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery support services, servicemembers may do one of three things: 1) Make an appointment with Ohio National Guard Prevention and Treatment Outreach Coordinator Sergeant Cheryl Danielson (614-336-6444); 2) Make an appointment with Ohio National Guard Director of Psychological Health Jeremy Kaufman, Psy.D. (614-336-7246); 3) Contact an ATR Benefits Coordination site in their county of residence.

#### Cuyahoga County

Oriana House 216-881-7882  
Hispanic Urban Minority Alcohol & Drug Addiction Outreach Program 216-459-1222

#### Mahoning County

Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) 330-743-2192

#### Stark County

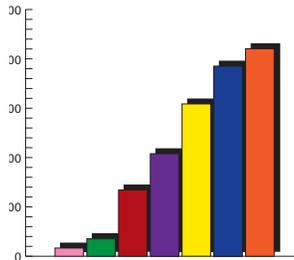
Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) 330-479-1912

#### Summit County

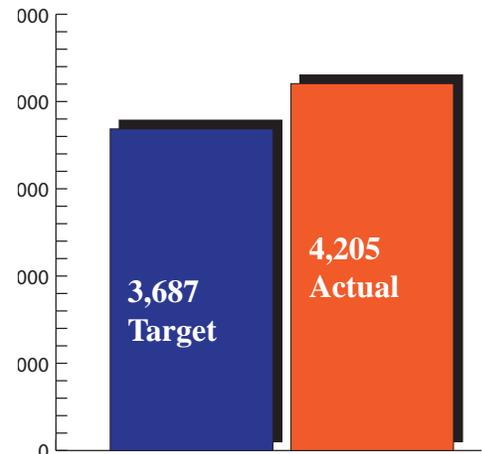
Oriana House 330-996-7730  
Urban Ounce of Prevention 330-867-5400  
Community Health Center 330-434-4141

### Ohio's Progress

The graph below represents the number of clients Ohio had expected to serve by this time (Target) and the actual number of clients that have been served (Actual). Ohio has reached 114% of its target to date.



The graph above shows the steady and dramatic increase in clients Ohio has enrolled into the ATR program, each quarter, since its inception in September 2007. As of September 2009, a total of 4,205 clients have been enrolled.



### Recovery in Action

Ohio ATR conducted a series of successful sustainability trainings to providers throughout the quarter. The existing ATR providers were able to strengthen areas of their program during this training, while the new ATR providers were provided a blueprint to assist them with sustainability.

An ATR Provider in Stark County has adopted the spirit of Ohio's ATR project. This provider had an opening for a mid management position and was able to hire a former ATR client to fill this position. The client received services from four of our existing ATR providers and was able to gain and maintain his sobriety. During this Sustainability Conference our surprise guest speaker, the client, was able to show that treatment works, ATR works, and the work that our providers do each day makes a difference in the lives of the clients they serve.

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