

GPRRA Follow-up Tips

For 6 Month Follow-up Interview

“Getting the GPRRA” at the 6 month follow-up interval is critical to success of the ATR program. The 6 month follow-up is what the funding agency (SAMHSA) requires us to collect in order to continue to receive funding for the ATR program. If we don’t “Get the GPRRA” we don’t have a guarantee of funding.

- One staff person must have primary responsibility to see that GPRRA is collected ON TIME. They may not collect the GPRRA themselves, but oversee those that do.
- Discuss GPRRA regularly with ALL staff who see clients (receptionist, counselors, etc). If everybody on staff knows which clients are "in the window", they can help remind the client to keep appointments and/or direct the GPRRA tracker to them.
- Hire a local person on a contractual basis as a "GPRRA Tracker" to contact clients outside of the office. Effective "trackers" carry a list of Client ID#s and GPRRAs and catch up with clients in the community, at times convenient to the client. With training and care, this method is very effective and confidentiality can be maintained.
- Gas or gift cards (\$20 limit) are effective incentives.
- As soon as the client is "in the window" start IMMEDIATELY to get the GPRRA. Don't wait!
- Ask for help if you have difficulty finding a client; somebody in the community knows where they are (you can maintain privacy by using a local tracker to make inquiries or by making general inquires for a "health or wellness" survey.
- Use the ATR Locator form at Intake so you have permission to contact family and friends.
- Update locator information always and often; don't assume you can find someone easily.