

# Reducing the National Burden of Substance Abuse

## JSI in the United States

**JSI helps policymakers improve substance abuse treatment and prevention services.** JSI's work encompasses evaluation, needs assessment, and epidemiology studies.

### **Incorporating Views of Multiple Stakeholders**

Participatory Processes – Including consumer views by utilizing a range of procedures including focus groups, consumer advisory boards, and pilot-testing draft instruments.

Meaningful Research – Building a process that provides useful information to program directors and funding sources.



### **Fulfilling Government Performance and Reports Act Requirements**

Outcomes – Designing studies that measure program performance and outcomes to help federal grantees meet GPRA mandates. JSI helps programs identify data collection processes that both minimize program burden and meet reporting requirements.

Process Measures – Capturing program accomplishments to provide documentation of successful implementation. JSI uses a combination of qualitative and quantitative indicators to capture the breadth of program activities and successes.

### **Merging Theory and Practice**

Logic Models – Adhering to logic models to produce measurement tools that are efficient and include essential issues. Logic models that are based on prior research results create an efficient framework to guide each new evaluation effort.

Comparison to Population Norms – Results from needs assessment studies are most effective when current positions of the target population are compared to normative information. JSI uses national databases and statewide surveys to assist local communities in determining priorities for action.

### **Translating Research Results into Action**

Dissemination – Positioning research findings to influence policy and program planning by ensuring that findings are targeted and visible. JSI uses multiple modes of communication to increase the likelihood that information will play a role in creating new initiatives.

Consumer Input – Providing training and technical assistance to community planning groups to ensure consumer input. Consumers enable program managers to link research findings to programmatic solutions.

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**Selected Clients**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency  
Rockville, MD

Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Boston, MA

National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse  
Bethesda, MD

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Princeton, NJ

Santa Clara County Health Department  
Santa Clara, CA

New Hampshire Bureau of HIV/AIDS Services  
Concord, NH

Towns of Natick and Weymouth, MA

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