

Minimum Data Set for Prevention

Web-Based Prevention Reporting System

<http://dssdata.qrc.com/or/mds4/login.cfm>

The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has fully implemented the latest version of the Minimum Data Set for Prevention (MDS). The latest release is a web-based version that allows access to prevention providers from any internet-capable computer, regardless of time or location.

Nine regional trainings were scheduled and provided across the state in late summer and early fall. In addition, a number of individual training and technical assistance opportunities have been provided for those who wanted or needed additional work within the system.

The web-based system officially went “live” on December 24, 2003. All providers are now able to enter their data for the current biennium, which began July 1, 2003. Prevention Coordinators across the state have been asked since the beginning of the current funding cycle to keep records of the services that were being provided, so that when the new system was operational they would have easy access to that data and be able to enter it into the system fairly easily.

OMHAS requires that all prevention services funded with A&D #70 funds be reported using the MDS reporting system. The information obtained from provider data is essential in helping OMHAS plan for future prevention allocations, as well as monitoring of provider prevention activities. Current plans call for the use of provider submitted data in the development of “Quality Improvement Reports” for each county. Without up-to-date, accurate, data, these reports will be less effective in providing a picture of what services are being offered across the state.

It is essential that providers keep up-dated in their data entry, so that the system can be used most effectively, both locally and at a statewide level. The OMHAS Prevention Staff will monitor data entry across the state, and contact those counties where data entry is lagging behind. We ask that provider and county administrator’s keep close tabs on this critical data entry step. Without good data from providers, the statewide data will not be as useful as it can be.

If you are not a registered user on the MDS 4 system and need access to the program, please contact your OMHAS Prevention Coordinator at (503) 945-5763.