

SOR Justice-Involved GPRA

A guide to conducting the GPRA with justice-involved clients

Background

As part of Virginia's State Opioid Response (SOR) grant, certain CSBs and DOC sites provide SOR-funded services to clients in a justice setting. As is required of all SOR-funded clients, clients in a justice setting that are receiving SOR-funded services should complete a GPRA survey. **These clients are particularly vulnerable, so it is important to follow protocols outlined in this document for their protection.**

Who is considered a 'Justice-Setting Client'?

Justice-setting client are considered **individuals in a CSB's specialized justice-setting program**, not clients that voluntarily receive services that are also involved with the justice system.

Justice-Setting Clients include:

Clients in a specialized justice-setting program, in which your CSB provides services at one of the following locations:

- Jail (county, city)
- Prison (state)
- Drug or Recovery Court
- Probation or Parole

Justice-Setting Clients do not include:

Clients in the community that are not in a CSB's specialized justice-setting program. Examples include:

- A client receives services at your CSB and is on parole.
- A client receives services at your CSB and is in a Drug Court.

Special Considerations

Justice-setting clients are especially vulnerable, in comparison to clients not in a justice setting. To protect these clients, please consider the following:

Do...

- Conduct the GPRA in a non-coercive, private environment.
- Inform clients that participation does not change the results of legal process(es).
- Provide SOR services even if client does not participate in the GPRA.

Do not...

- Conduct the GPRA when guards, officers, or legal authorities are present.

If the GPRA cannot be administered in a non-coercive, private environment, do not complete a GPRA survey.



GPRA Survey Process for Justice Setting Clients



Consent Form: There is a separate consent form for clients in a justice setting which informs clients of risks posed specific to their involvement with the justice system and does not include language about receiving a gift card.



No gift card/incentive: Justice-setting clients cannot receive a gift card. If they do an intake as part of a justice setting program but are no longer in that setting and are not considered a justice setting client by the time of the follow-up GPRA, they can receive a gift card at that point. *The gift card incentive should not be discussed at the intake GPRA to avoid confusion or coercion.*



GPR Survey Process for Justice Setting Clients, cont'd.

Question Changes: Justice setting clients are administered the same GPR survey as clients in other SOR settings. When you identify the client as justice-based in the Records Management section, the online survey will automatically make the following adjustments to the survey for that interview.

2 additional questions
in Section A:
Asked only of
justice-setting clients



7a. [IF IN JAIL/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTING] What type of justice setting is the client in?

- Jail (city, county, regional)
- Prison (state)
- Drug/Recovery Court
- Probation or Parole
- Other, please specify: _____

7b. [IF IN JAIL/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTING] Is the client currently incarcerated

- Yes
- No



Frequently Asked Questions

? *Is a client who receives SOR-funded services and is on probation a 'justice-setting client'?*

This depends. If the client is receiving SOR-funded services as part of a CSB's program for clients on probation, then they would be considered a justice-setting client. If the client is receiving SOR-funded services of their own volition (not as part of a CSB program for clients on probation), then they would not be considered a justice-setting client.

? *If a client is in a justice setting at the Intake GPR but not in a justice setting at the Follow-Up GPR, can they receive a gift card?*

Yes, the client can receive a gift card at the Follow-Up GPR if they are no longer in a justice setting. **This should not be discussed at the Intake GPR in order to prevent coercion.**

? *Can a justice-involved client receive contingency management funds?*

No. SOR funds can be used for contingency management at any timepoint only for non-justice setting clients. This can be given in \$15 increments and up to \$75 per year for each client. However, **if a client transitions out of justice-setting status, they may be eligible for contingency management funds at that time.**

? *How will SOR-funded services in the justice-setting be reported on?*

Justice-setting clients' GPR data will be reported to DBHDS and SAMHSA on a regular basis. CSB quarterly survey responses, which include aggregate data on justice setting service provision, will be reported to DBHDS on a quarterly basis.

? *What if a private, non-coercive environment cannot be obtained for GPR administration?*

Do not complete a GPR survey with any client if a private, non-coercive environment cannot be obtained.



TA & Support

Tracking Sheets: The weekly tracking sheets available in your Dropbox folder have a column titled "Justice-Involved" which will say "Yes" to indicate if a client is justice-involved.

TA Support: The SOR Support TA team is available to provide support via email (SORSupport@omni.org), phone, or online video platforms. The SOR Support website provides useful resources and updates: VirginiaSORSupport.org.