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**, <u>not</u> 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

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:

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- 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 <u>not</u>...

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

If the GPRA cannot be administered in a noncoercive, private environment, do <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> include language about receiving a gift card.



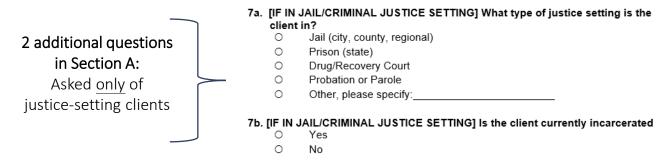
No gift card/incentive: Justice-setting clients cannot receive a gift card. If they do an intake as part of a justice setting program but are no longer in that setting and are not considered a justice setting client by the time of the follow-up GPRA, they can receive a gift card at that point. *The gift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

Justice-Setting Clients do <u>not</u> 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.

Question Changes: Justice setting clients are administered the same GPRA 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.



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 GPRA but not in a justice setting at the Follow-Up GPRA, can they receive a gift card?

Yes, the client can receive a gift card at the Follow-Up GPRA if they are no longer in a justice setting. This should not be discussed at the Intake GPRA 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 <u>timepoint only for non-justice</u> <u>setting clients</u>. 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' GPRA 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 GPRA administration? Do not complete a GPRA 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.

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