## No Wrong Door Integrative Screener

The screener was developed by Center for Community Collaboration (CCC) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) as part of the No Wrong Door (NWD) project supported by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Infectious Disease Bureau (IDB) through a Minority AIDS Initiative grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Grant No: SM-11-006).

## The Purpose of the No Wrong Door Integrative Screener:

In developing this screener CCC staff drafted a comprehensive screening instrument using the following guiding principles: the screener should be provider and client friendly, be a brief screener that identifies positive current risks and needs, be based on empirically supported or widely utilized or recommended existing screening measures, and cover the NWD-targeted health categories (i.e., physical health, mental health, substance use, HIV and infectious disease (ID) risk, gender, sexual orientation).

## Important Features of the No Wrong Door Integrative Screener:

- **Comprehensive:** Uses validated and widely used screening measures to screen across risk and resiliency factors.
- **Flexible:** It can be administered in various formats (e.g. interview or self-report; paper-and-pencil or electronic) and at multiple time points to meet the needs of the agency.
- **Tracking Capabilities:** The electronic format has the ability to track individual progress and/or agency level data over time.



## Launching the No Wrong Door Integrative Screener:

### **Development**

- Constructed at a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading level.
- Designed using existing validated and recommended screening measures.
- Providers and clients from local agencies participated in "speakaloud" protocols to gauge understanding and importance of items used in the screener.
- Providers and clients from local agencies practiced administration of the NWD Integrative Screener via client self-administration or provider-client interviews.
- Led a focus group among NWD grantees to discuss implementation.

# Training & Implementation (ongoing)

- Conducting statewide in-person trainings to educate providers from substance abuse, mental health, and HIV/STI treatment settings.
- Training consists of: an overview of integrated care, review of SBIRT, in-depth introduction to the *NWD Integrative Screener*, and practicing administration and offering client feedback using the screener.
- Offering periodic follow-up and ongoing technical assistance to agencies trained.
- Online training available Fall 2015.

# Evaluation & Effectiveness (ongoing)

- Studying the utility of the *NWD*Integrative Screener in community settings. The study aims to:
  - Examine the effectiveness of the screener in identifying risk and referral needs relative to the agency's existing intake.
  - Evaluate the impact of using the screener to enhance clients' motivation for accepting a referral and engaging in treatment services.
  - Examine the feasibility of adopting the screener into current agency practices.

### **Summary:**

The *No Wrong Door Integrative Screener* is a product of ongoing collaboration among No Wrong Door partners, administrative and provider agency staff, and treatment-seeking clients. Clients and providers generally understand and are comfortable with the included items; all items were seen as necessary and important for clients who are in treatment. Piloting supports the usability, utility, and acceptability of the screener. Widespread dissemination and formal evaluation of the *No Wrong Door Integrative Screener* is warranted.

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