



HIV Prevention in Community Supervision for Adults with Substance Use and Mental Disorders: Effects on Knowledge, Attitude & Behavior

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Background



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- Diversion is an intervention that either avoids jail/prison or reduces **length of confinement** and provides **access** to treatment, which will facilitate a reduction in substance use, mental health symptoms, criminal justice involvement and increase life satisfaction and **cost savings** overtime.
- Diversion can be mandated or non-mandated:
 - **Mandated Diversion**: criminal justice consequences for program failure (*e.g., Alternative to Incarceration [ATI], community supervision, is mandated and often focuses on saving future prison rather than jail time*)
 - **Non-mandated Diversion**: end of criminal justice involvement at diversion



Integrating HIV prevention and intervention into diversion case management

Diversion ↑ service access and ↑ retention (*depending on degree of program coercion & individual level of insight/motivation*), ↓ criminal justice involvement, ↓ substance use & may stabilize some mental health symptoms

- Criminal justice involvement, mental illness & substance use each contribute to risk for HIV contraction & transmission and overlapping populations
- Disparity in services access, quality & retention is a shared issue of concern for substance abuse, mental health & HIV/health, particularly for minority populations
 - As focus of intervention expands, scope & receipt of services expands (*e.g., adaptation of SA diversion programs to MH diversion*)
 - Would this also occur for HIV services access?
 - Hypothesized that added focus of HIV to SA diversion or MH/Co-occurring disorder diversion would result in ↑ access to HIV prevention and intervention services and earlier in diversion process

Integrating HIV Prevention Into Community Supervision/ATI: Aims

- Determine the effectiveness of the Brooklyn TASC HIV/AIDS intervention at ↑ knowledge (*e.g., transmission risk*), ↑ attitudes (*e.g., expectations to use safe methods, to negotiate with partner*), & ↓ risk behavior (*e.g., unprotected sex, injection drug use*) related to HIV/AIDS among offenders with addictive or co-occurring mental disorders diverted from jail & being supervised in the community
- Identify & assess the impact of factors (*e.g., race, gender, type of substance use, MH vs. SA, HIV status*) that moderate the effectiveness of Brooklyn TASC HIV/AIDS intervention; and
- Identify demographic, behavioral, social, environmental, programmatic & systems-level correlates of SA & HIV/AIDS risk behavior(s) & knowledge among substance abusing & MI/DD offenders being supervised in community — *analyses underway*



Methods



NYC TASC: Conditions

TASC is a best practices national forensic case mgmt model for SA, developed in the '70's; it is in every state.

Comparison (Queens and the Bronx)

- Substance Abuse: Two changes in original SA model 1) deferred prosecution to deferred sentencing, and 2) added warrant squad through prosecutors office – DTAP model
- Mental Health: 2 models, 1) adapted DTAP (TADD Model) & TASC by adding MH screening, wider referral base, 2) developed a MH court

Intervention (Brooklyn)

- **HIV: adapted TASC MH & SA tracks to additional focus on HIV prevention among HIV positive & negative (intervention program) – screening, pre-/post- testing counseling & testing through linkage, condoms, brochures/posters displayed, case mgmt monitoring of attitudes & risk behaviors, prevention/ intervention services received — *focus of current research***

Participants, Design and Procedure

- **Participants:** 1145 adults plead to diversion in lieu of a prison sentence & accepted to TASC into either its MH or SA tracks in NYC (Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx)
 - 21% attrition for 6 months; 31% for 12 months (*biased toward program completers and not in prison*)
- **Design:** Quasi-experimental longitudinal census design of consecutive acceptances from Nov '04 thru Mar '07 in 1 intervention & 2 comparison sites (*each with MH & SA ATI tracks*)
- **Procedure:**
 - Baseline protocol administered by program & field interviewers in court pens & in community; 6- & 12-month protocols completed thru ACASI or if incarcerated thru PAPI by research interviewers
 - Admin data (criminal justice, substance use, services received, retention/program status, judicial monitoring & outcome) collected monthly from diversion to community tx for 24 months



Controlling Confounds

- **Group Differences at Baseline:**

- 990 used in propensity score analyses (155 excluded for no follow-ups)
- Propensity scores developed on 29 key variables (potential confounds) that differentiated groups at baseline or had relevance for matching
- 192 matched pairs (N=384) developed with Mahalanobis Metric
- Overall 84% reduction in bias on 29 covariates achieved after matching
- 101 pairs (N=202) both completed 6- & 12-mo protocol (*findings herein*)
- N=990 in propensity score quintile subclassification (5 quintiles based on propensity score, comprised of 198 in ea quintile) – *analyses underway*

- **Covariates:**

- **Days at risk in the community** (tailored to 6 mos prior 6 & 12 mo interviews, minus days hosp for medical, inpatient psych, days incarcerated – this equalized risk period to coincide with follow-up self-report for “past 6 months.”)
- **Days in treatment** (placement to 6 mo & 12 mo interviews or grad/termination if occurred prior to interviews; minus days absconded & days incarcerated – since the effect of treatment has potential to remain with the individual beyond a defined period, we did not tailor tx days to discrete 6 mo periods)



Analyses

- **Outcome Variables:** Services (*# of types of HIV Services past 6 mos*), psychiatric (*GAF, CSI*), criminal justice (*# arrests, # jail days past 6 mos*), AOD Use (*# days in past 6 mos used alcohol, crack/cocaine, heroin, any illegal drugs*), AOD attitude (*harm*), risk behaviors (*HRBS drug & sex risk past 6 mos*), HIV attitude (*SRSA & SRSE, Sympathy, Stigma*), knowledge (*SAAQ*), quality of life & social (*QOLI objective & subjective, DSS*)
- **Main/Interaction Effects:** Time (*BL, 6M, 12M*), Group (*Intervention vs Comparison*), Gender, Race (*Black vs. Hispanic*) & Diagnosis (*MI-DD vs. SA-only*)
- **Analyses:**
 - Logistic regression (*e.g., which subgroups are likely to experience improvement or decline over time and in what areas?*)
 - General linear model repeated measures (*e.g., what is the nature of the trends of improvement or decline over time?*)



Findings

Effects on knowledge, attitude & behavior





Demographic Characteristics

For these analyses, we included only Black & Hispanic which comprised 90% of the matched pairs (N=180)

Variable	Intervention (N=90)	Comparison (N=90)
Gender	81% Male 19% Female	78% Male 22% Female
Race	59% Black 41% Hispanic	48% Black 52% Hispanic
Diagnosis	40% MI-DD 60% SA-only	51% MI-DD 49% SA-only
% HIV+/AIDS	19%	17%
Mean Age (SD)	36 (10)	37 (10)



Likelihood of Improvement

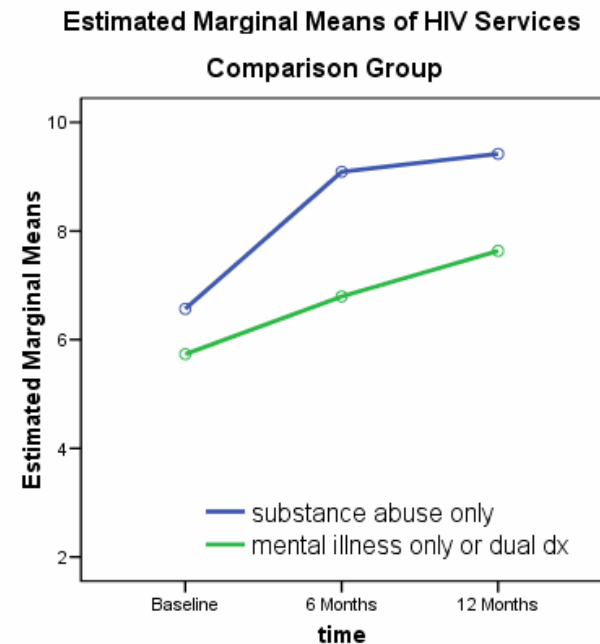
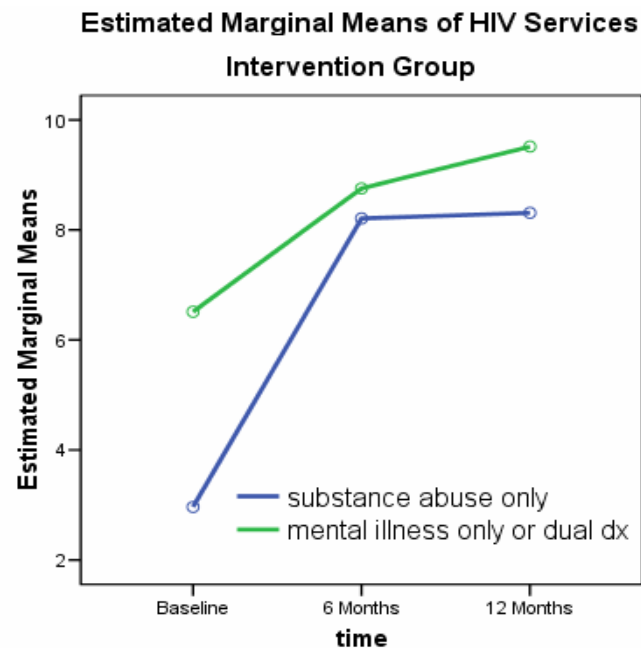
Variable	Increased Over Time	Decreased Over Time
# types of HIV services	Intervention Group** Intervention/Women*** Intervention/Hispanic**	Comparison Group** Intervention/Men*** Intervention/Black***
AIDS Knowledge	Intervention/MI-DD* SA only ** Women***	Intervention/SA only* Comparison/MI-DD* Comparison/SA only* MI-DD** Men***
AIDS Sympathy	MI-DD**	SA only**
GAF	Women**	Men**
CSI	Intervention/Men***	Intervention/Women***
# of arrests past 6 mos	Intervention/MI-DD**	Intervention/SA***
Drug use & HRBS drugs	--	<i>(Nearly all decreased, no variability for analyses)</i>
HRBS sex	Blacks***	Intervention/MI-DD** Hispanics***

*p<.001; **p<.01; ***p<.05 (blue cells indicate desired direction for improvement over time).



Trends: HIV Services

- Nearly *all* ↑ in number of different **types** of HIV services received over time, or leveled off at 6-months



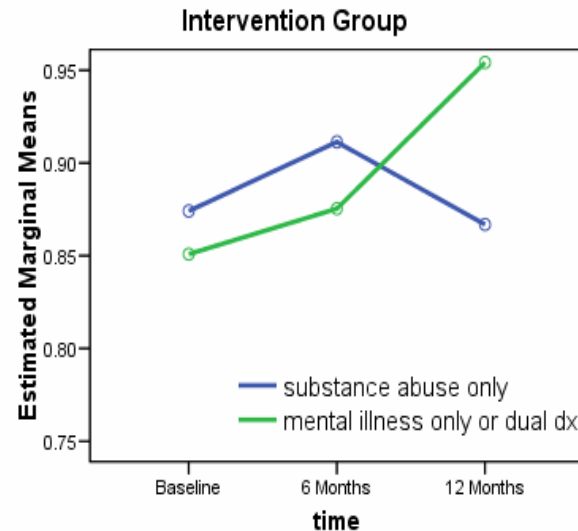
- Significant between Ss interaction effect for Group X Diagnosis ($F(1,146)=9.86, p<.01$)
- MI-DD individuals in Intervention group fared better than SA-only individuals in Intervention group for number of different types of HIV services received, while the reverse was true for in the Comparison group



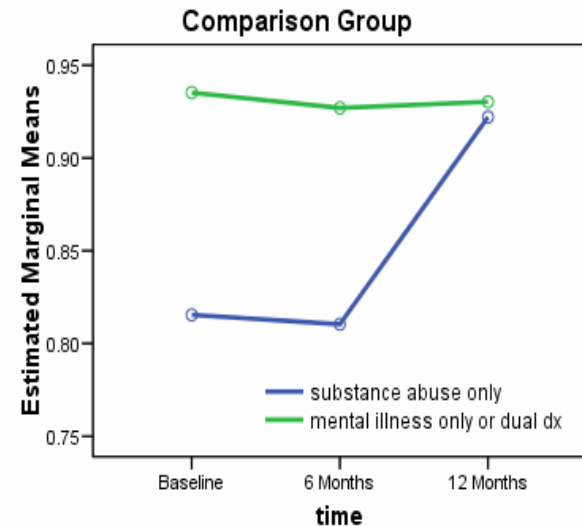
Trends: AIDS Knowledge

- Knowledge was fairly high at baseline for all individuals
- Still knowledge \uparrow for many over time

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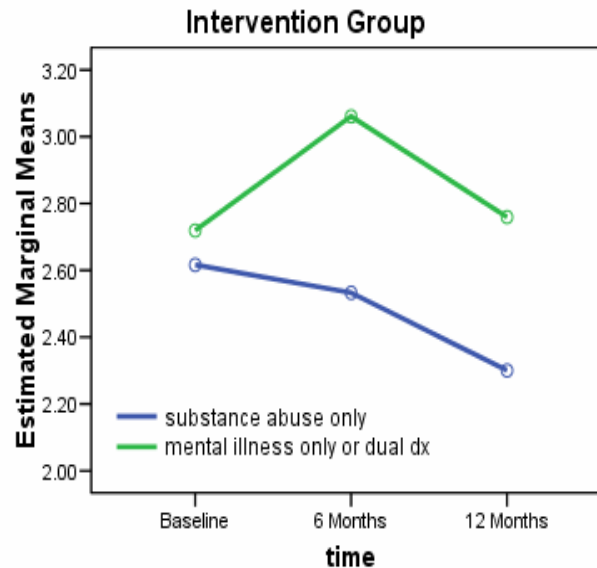
- Significant effect for Time overall ($F(2, 142)=4.67, p<.01$, quadratic trend), and a Time X Group X Diagnosis interaction effect ($F(2, 142)=4.91, p<.01$, linear trend)
- For Intervention group, MI-DD \uparrow , while SA-only stayed about the same over time
- For Comparison group, MI-DD had high knowledge & remained there over time, while SA-only took time to improve knowledge



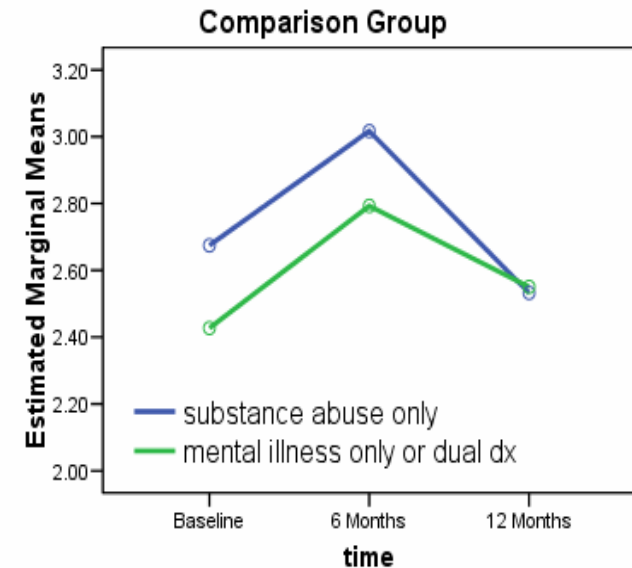
Trends: Attitudes

- No significant effect on SRSA over time; most remained in the middle range for attitudes on condom use

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- Significant between Ss effect for Group X Diagnosis ($F(1,123)=4.25, p<.05$) that showed the MI-DD had higher scores than SA-only within the Intervention group, while this pattern was reversed in the Comparison group
- Also, no significant fluctuation on SRSE over time; most remained in the middle range on expectation to resist unsafe sex



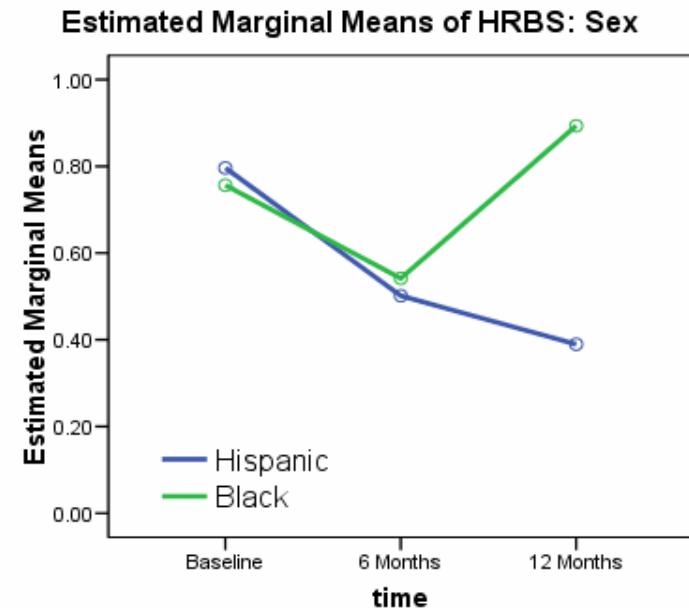
Trends: More on Attitudes

- Significant time fluctuations for some on sympathy for people with AIDS
 - For men, Blacks & MI-DD, AIDS sympathy remained fairly consistent (on high end) whether in Intervention or Comparison group
 - Intervention women, Hispanics & SA-only had V-shaped quadratic trend (↓ then ↑ to near baseline) with high sympathy by 12 mos
 - Comparison women, Hispanics & SA-only had opposite: Λ-shaped quadratic trend (↑ then ↓ to near baseline) with low sympathy by 12 mos
- No significant findings for HIV stigma; remained low for most over time
- Significant Time X Race interaction for perceptions of harm
 - Hispanics consistent over time at moderately accurate perception
 - Blacks ↑ from flawed perception, surpassed Hispanics to more accurate
- Significant Time X Diagnosis interaction for harm attitudes
 - SA-only show ↑ in attitudes towards harm that started in moderate range and approached conservative (more realistic) on what is harmful
 - MI-DD much more liberal attitudes of harm at the start with a sharp ↑ surpassing SA-only to a much more conservative harm attitude by 12 mos



Trends: Behavior

- HRBS sex risk behavior was low for the majority (mean <1 on 0-5 pt scale); and most ↓ sex risk behavior in first 6 mos
- Significant Time X Race interaction effect ($F(2,146)=4.57, p<.01$)
- Hispanics had a ↓ trajectory over time, while Blacks ↑ sex risk behavior in second 6 mo period
- HRBS drug risk was very low for the majority (mean <0.25 on 0-5 pt scale across all time periods); but significant ↓ over time for all ($F(2,48)=8.35, p<.001$)
- Over time, all ↓ number of days used alcohol, crack/cocaine, heroin, and/or any illegal drugs, most were significant ↓ within the first 6 mos

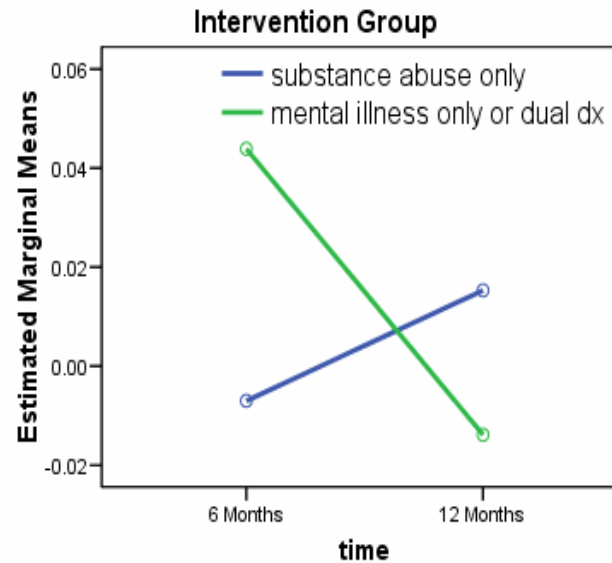




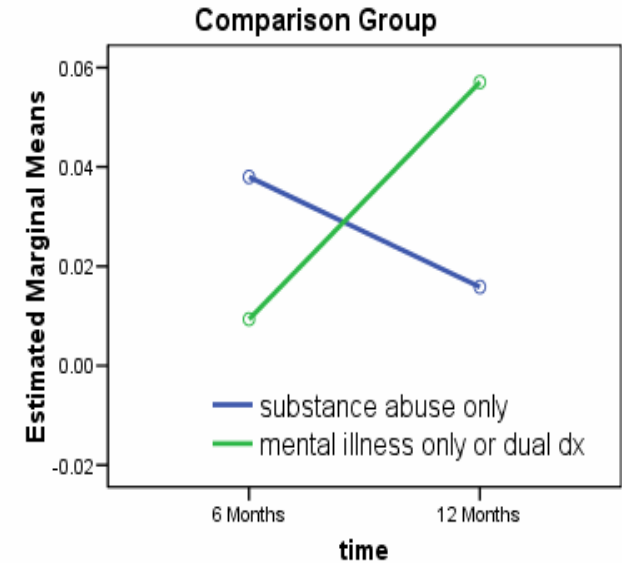
Trends: Urine Toxicology

- Means for proportion of urines that were positive remained low (<10%) at 6 mos & 12 mos

Estimated Marginal Means of Proportion of Urines Positive



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- Time X Group X Diagnosis interaction ($F(1,142)=7.12, p<.01$)
- MI-DD individuals in Intervention \downarrow in positive urines over time, while SA-only in Intervention group \uparrow
- Reversed in Comparison group: MI-DD \uparrow , SA-only \downarrow



Trends: Criminal Justice

- For arrests, significant Time effect & Time X Gender interaction
 - For most, ↓ in number of arrests over time
 - For women, ↓ to zero by the 12th month
 - For men, ↓ to near zero by 6th month, then slight ↑
- Several significant interaction effects for days in jail*
 - Overall, majority ↓ in number of days spent in jail (mean scores from 40-100 at baseline to <10 days by month 12)
 - In Intervention, Blacks had a higher number of jail days than Hispanics at the start, and Blacks ↓ to near zero by month 12, while Hispanics ↓ to about 10 jail days by month 6 with no further decline
 - In Comparison, Blacks & Hispanics ↓ in a similar fashion to near zero by month 12
 - SA-only in Intervention group started with the highest number of jail days at baseline (about 100) and ↓ to near zero by month 12

* removed covariate for days in community for this variable since it is comprised largely of days in jail



Trends: Psych & Social

- GAF significant Time X Diagnosis interaction & between Ss effect for Diagnosis
 - MI-DD ↓ GAF than SA-only across all time points (*as expected by diagnosis*)
 - SA-only same all time points (approx 80); MI-DD ↑ over time (approx 60 to 75)
- CSI significant Time X Gender interaction & between Ss effect for Diagnosis
 - MI-DD ↑ CSI than SA-only across all time points (*as expected by diagnosis*)
 - All ↓ in psych symptoms over time; women ↓ more than men
- Social support significant Time X Group, Time X Gender & Time X Group X Race interactions
 - Majority remained in mid- to upper level over time on social support
 - Comparisons ↑ more over time than Intervention
 - Women ↑ more over time than men
 - In Intervention, Hispanics fluctuated but returned to baseline level by mo 12, while Blacks ↑
 - In Comparison, Blacks fluctuated but returned to baseline level by mo 12, while Hispanics ↑



Trends: Quality of Life

- For QOL Objective measure significant Time X Group X Race interaction & between Ss interaction for Group X Diagnosis
 - All remained within mid-range over time
 - Blacks did equally well in both Intervention & Comparison with some ↑
 - Hispanics did best in Comparison (upper mid-range), while Hispanics in Intervention stayed the same over time at mid-range
 - MI-DD in Intervention ↑ QOL than counterparts in Comparison
 - SA-only in Comparison ↑ QOL than counterparts in Intervention
- For QOL Subjective measure significant only for a Time X Gender interaction
 - Both genders remained mid-range with ↑ over time; women ↑ more
- For income, significant between Ss interaction Group X Diagnosis
 - Intervention: MI-DD ↑ substantially over time; SA-only remained same
 - Comparison: both MI-DD & SA-only ↑ slowly from near zero to \$250-\$500 range, with MI-DD ↑ income than SA-only by month 12

Just the beginning . . .

- *Summary:* Intervention was effective at ↑ access (to 6 mos & maintained) particularly for women, Hispanics & MI-DD, ↑ knowledge for MI-DD, ↓ arrests for SA-only, ↓ sex risk behaviors for MI-DD, & ↓ drug use for MI-DD (by toxicology reports), ↑ income levels for MI-DD
- Early findings indicate the Intervention may be particularly suited for MI-DD
- On some level and to some degree over time, nearly all ↑ service access, ↑ attitudes on harm to a more realistic level, ↓ drug use, ↓ psychiatric symptoms, and ↑ income
- More detailed analyses are *underway* to determine for whom is which type of intervention sufficient and for which outcomes?



Future Directions





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- Effects by MI-DD vs SA-only disorders only (*in progress*)
- Profile analyses by propensity score quintile subclassification (*in progress*)
- Methods of data collection (ACASI vs PAPI) (*in progress*)
- Relationship of multiple childhood trauma & type to health & other outcomes, as contributor to mental disorder vs addictive disorder only (*in progress*)
- Role of alcohol as a disinhibitor – differentially by co-occurring vs addictive disorders; systems messaging regarding its risk & relationship to drug messaging
- Effects of “generic” vs specialized practices for HIV prevention within ATI context
- Mapping services patterns/trajectories and associated cost-effectiveness
- And more

