



Addressing Hepatitis C in
Substance Abuse Treatment in
Frontier Communities

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Who We Are.



- Southwest Counseling Service (SCS) began providing services in the mid-1960's

- In 2000, SCS opens the first long-term Therapeutic Community and first Women and Children's treatment centers in Wyoming.
- In 2000, SCS receives CARF Accreditation.
- From 1999-2004, residential services through SCS Recovery Services has increased 350%.



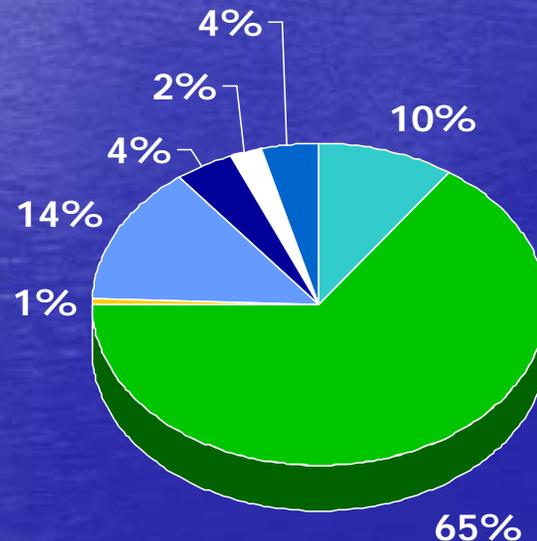
Who Our Clients Are.

- 80% of our long-term clients identify Methamphetamine as their primary drug of addiction.
- SCS long-term treatment as seen an increase from 3 Hep. C positives in the first year of the program to 14 in 2004.
- SCS serves mainly the western region of Wyoming, but accepts clients from across the state.

Wyoming Statistics

In 2004, Wyoming Department of Health reported 486 new cases of chronic hepatitis C.

Risk Factors for Reported Chronic Hepatitis C Cases, Wyoming, 2004



I'm glad that I found out I had hepatitis at the last treatment center I went to. I learned a lot about it, and I used precautions not to infect others in my use. I appreciate the support group because I don't feel all alone. I do believe we help each other. Marilyn 40

I believe finding out a person has contracted Hep C in treatment is the safest, especially for an addict. That way there is plenty of education and support for them, so the person does not resort back to destructive behaviors. Jason 27

When I discovered that I had Hep C I was in T.C. and I was really glad I was. There for I needed the support I received from my peers. It was a great source of strength to draw on. Jeff 47

I found out I was hepatitis C positive here in T.C. I was devastated at first but after talking to other clients I felt so much better. The support I got was awesome. The clinicians helped me talk to my mother about the disease. If I wasn't her I probably wouldn't have found out until years later after I spread it to others. I thank God everyday that I am here, safe, and have others help me. It is a blessing, to have support and people willing to stand by me. Marie 18

National Substance Abuse

SAMHSA Priorities: Programs & Principles Matrix		Cross-Cutting Principles								
		Science to Services/ Evidence-Based Practices	Data for Performance Measurement and Management	Collaboration with Public & Private Partners	Recovery/Reducing Stigma & Barriers to Services	Cultural Competency/ Eliminating Disparities	Community and Faith-Based Approaches	Trauma & Violence (e.g. Physical & Sexual Abuse)	Financing Strategies & Cost-effectiveness	Rural & Other Specific Settings
Programs/Issues	Co-Occurring Disorders									
	Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity									
	Seclusion & Restraint									
	Strategic Prevention Framework									
	Children & Families									
	Mental Health System Transformation									
	Disaster Readiness and Response									
	Homelessness									
	Aging									
	HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis									
	Criminal Justice									

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Partnerships and Support



Public Health is a vital partnership in the diagnosis of our clients. Being in a frontier community you have to pool resources to make a program sustainable.

Wyoming Department of Health supports our programming and lends assistance through keeping programs across the state connected for continual resources.

Education and Skill Building

- All clients attend groups to educate them on personal risk factors.
- We cover disease prevention and education.
- Work to build skills to avoid future risk.

- Hepatitis Support Group for Positives
 - Offered a minimum of 3 times a month in Therapeutic and Women's Addiction Programs by Prevention Specialist.
 - Group supports Hep. C positive clients in what is available for each individual and nutritional needs.
 - Group has grown to 8 clients since began spring of 2005.



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