

MTARS: Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System

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The American dream belongs to everyone

The Focus of MTARS

- Capture how grantees impact the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Network Collaboration
 - Accountability
 - Compliance
 - Organizational Structure
 - Technical Assistance
 - Best Practice



Basis of the New MTARS

- Built on the basis of the previous MTARS
- DD Act of 2000
- GPRA
- Expansion on MTARS visits to NE & TX
- Contribution to PART self-assessment
- Broad consensus on the need for data and accountability



What's New in MTARS

- Revised MTARS Manual
- More standardized materials
 - Checklists
 - Guidelines
- Increased flexibility
 - Grantee makes peer recommendations
 - Agenda allows for more direct dialogue with grantee



What's New (cont)

- Training of Review Teams as units
 - Team building exercises
 - Tips to capture pertinent information
 - Common focus for teams to provide consistency
 - Opportunity to ask questions during training



What's New (cont)

- Comprehensive tools to aid Review Teams
 - Checklists
 - Team (Pre-Visit, On-Site, Post Visit)
 - Grantee (Self-Assessment)
- Allow for an expanded view of the program



What's New (cont)

- Technical Assistance Component
 - One peer reviewer for each program
 - Opportunity for one-on-one with peer
 - Opportunity to educate each other and grow



What's New (cont)

■ Best Practices Component

- Joint effort between ADD and its grantees
- Willingness of grantees to be pioneers
- Capture cultural diversity across programs
- Capture grantees efforts via newsletters, awards, reports, web links and the like



What's New (cont)

- Review of all three ADD programs during an MTARS visit
 - Opportunity to expand the work week
 - Inclusion of UCEDD grantee
 - Capture collaboration within the Network
 - Examples of collaboration outcomes
 - Best practice



MTARS Allows

- An opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of how ADD grantees assist individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to access services and participate in their communities



Outcomes

- Working together during the MTARS allows us to tell these stories in a systematic way so that others understand and value what ADD's grantees do every day to make the U.S. more inclusive



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