



Stages of MST Program Development

Stage A – Local program developer makes first contact

- Learn overview of development process
- Determine if MST should be considered in more depth
- Learn of other alternative courses of action if MST is not a good fit

Stage B – The MST Needs Assessment Session (Two-hour telephone conference)

- Include key personnel from program developer agency
- Define community need in terms of target treatment population
- Provide MST Services with information about program developer agency
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- Learn about resource requirements to implement MST
- Make decision to pursue MST program development or alternate action

Stage C – The MST Critical Issues Session (Two-hour telephone conference)

- Include key agency program development team personnel
- Learn to identify and engage key community stakeholders
- Clarify target population with prioritization and exclusion criteria
- Develop client referral process
- Develop program evaluation component

Stage D – The MST Site Readiness Review Meeting (On-site meeting)

- Complete and approve final draft of program description, goals and implementation guidelines
- Inform key community persons about MST
- Implement staff recruitment process
- Assure support and buy-in from key community stakeholders

Stage E – Staff Recruitment Assistance and Orientation Training

- Complete staff recruitment
- Complete MST 5-Day Orientation of all program staff

Stage F – On-going Program Implementation Support

- Commence referral process and client treatment
- Commence weekly team consultation on all open cases
- Commence quarterly team booster training
- Conduct periodic program review of process and outcome goals

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