

Summary and Analysis of Agency's or Program's Outcome Measures (Points – Refer to last section of this document)

Social work has historically focused primarily on the delivery of services. Often there was no evidence to prove that the interventions were successful and sustaining. Over the last few decades social work practice has evolved considerably. Since social service programs are heavily funded by both public and private resources, the funding source gatekeepers have required organizations to prove that their services are successful and prefer evidence based practice (EBP) models.

Evidence-based practice means using the best, research-proven assessments and treatments in day-to-day client care and service delivery. The agency keeps abreast of the research literature and seeks to incorporate EBP practice models in their agency programs. EBP also means weighing the value of each part of the research evidence with clinical data and informed client choice. An EBP practitioner will collect data to demonstrate that the interventions are addressing the client's goals. Most areas of social work practice have developed outcome measurements, which are implemented to document the success or failure of the services provided. The data collected is crucial to the maintenance and growth of the program

Summary of Assignment:

1. Document the scope of the services provided including the type and number of clients served annually, funding sources, intervention or treatment modalities utilized, program plan, program objectives, and outcome measurements used.
2. Summarize the method of data collection used to obtain the outcome data
3. Document who participated in the data collection
4. Provide the details of the data collected from the most recent agency report
5. Prepare an analysis of this data (Are the services provided successful in alleviating the presenting problem?)
 - Are the results of these services sustaining or time limited?
 - What were the major obstacles in the intervention process?
 - What is the cost per client of services provided?
 - Does the per client cost seem reasonable or excessive?
 - Does the service provided appear to be worthwhile or would you recommend an alternative program which may be more successful and or cost effective?
6. Research EBP models used in agencies serving similar clients and with similar program objectives. Write a summary of your findings and recommendations based on both your internal and external agency research.

Procedures for Summary and Analysis of Agency Outcome Data Assignment

A summary and analysis of agency outcome data is considered a ***major substantive*** assignment, which can be completed in place of the required five assignments for the semester.

1. Discuss the details of the *Summary and Analysis of Agency Outcome Data* assignment with your Field Instructor.
2. Once agreement is made on the details of the assignment, the student should submit a brief summary of the proposed assignment to the Field Instructor and Field Liaison outlining the tasks, timelines, and work product