

## UNDERSTANDING GENDER DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES IN PRIVATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES: AN ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS

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Given the numerous individual-level analyses of gender differences in service patterns and pathways into treatment by substance-abusing men and women, it is imperative to explore the organizational-level attributes characterizing facilities with a predominantly female, predominantly male, and gender-mixed caseload to identify the connect or disconnect between the client's needs and organizational response to these documented needs. Data are drawn from the 2001 National Treatment Center Study (NTCS), a nationally representative longitudinal study of private-sector alcohol and drug abuse treatment centers (n=450). A multinomial logistic regression model will be used to predict the likelihood of a center having a gender-mixed caseload relative to a predominantly female or predominantly male caseload. The study hypothesizes that private substance abuse treatment facilities with a gender-mixed caseload will be less likely than those with a female-dominated caseload to (1) offer child care programs, (2) offer specialized tracks for women, (3) offer treatment for eating disorders, (4) offer treatment for prescription drug addiction, (5) receive a higher proportion of referrals from mental health sources and (6) accept higher proportions of Medicare and/or Medicaid clients. Moreover, it is hypothesized that private substance abuse treatment facilities with a gender-mixed caseload will be less likely than those with a male-dominated caseload to (1) offer treatment for gambling addiction, (2) offer programs on domestic violence/anger management, (3) receive a higher proportion of work-based referrals, and (4) receive a higher proportion of referrals from the legal system. Results from the study provide suggestions for how treatment center's management can better target specific population's needs, as well as develop a more comprehensive program to suit men and women, alike.

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