

**Fact Sheet: Washington Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment**

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<b>Overview</b>	<p>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) awarded the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) funding to plan and implement drug and alcohol screening, brief interventions, and referral to treatment for persons with substance use disorders in primary health care clinics. The grant allows Washington to build upon the state’s earlier successful experience with the WASBIRT grant from 2003-2008.</p> <p>DBHR uses the grant to expand the continuum of WASBIRT services into primary health care settings and further integrate behavioral health services into primary care settings.</p> <p>Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 (September 2016 – August 2017) is the final year of the grant. The WASBIRT project will conclude services by conducting a marketing campaign designed to emphasize the value of WASBIRT services to medical communities to identify individuals in need of treatment; train medical professionals in college health centers, military medical clinics, and primary medical centers that serve ethnic and refugee communities; and complete the evaluation of the WASBIRT activities.</p>
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	<p>All patients 18 and older seen at medical centers and primary care centers receive screening for substance misuse and a brief intervention and/or referral to treatment when indicated.</p>
<b>Authority</b>	<p>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</p>
<b>Budget</b>	<p>\$8,330,000 total (of which \$961,250 for FFY 2017)</p>
<b>Rates</b>	<p>The Brief Intervention is reimbursable at the rate of \$19.98 for a 15-minute session. This is the only portion of the WASBIRT services that is reimbursable.</p>
<b>Costs and Numbers Served</b>	<p>This grant is awarded \$961,250 in FFY 2017 (September 2016 –August 2017) to conduct a marketing campaign to the medical communities in Washington State and complete the evaluation of the grant. During this grant (September 2011, through July 2016), WASBIRT has screened 82,421 individuals statewide.</p>
<b>Partners</b>	<p>University of Washington, Korean Women’s Association, Northwest Addiction Technology and Transfer Center, the DSHS Office of Research and Data Analysis, and the DSHS Office of Communications.</p>
<b>Oversight</b>	<p>WASBIRT-PCI provides oversight to all grantee sites receiving grant funding.</p>
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