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## **2009 Science and Service Awards Will Honor Implementation of Evidence-Based Mental Health and Substance Abuse Interventions**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has issued a call for applications for its 2009 Science and Service Awards, a national program that recognizes community-based organizations and coalitions that have shown exemplary implementation of evidence-based mental health and substance abuse interventions.

Awards will be made in each of the five categories: substance abuse prevention, treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services, mental health promotion, treatment of mental illness and recovery support services, and co-occurring disorders. To be eligible for an award, an organization must have successfully implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. Examples include those that are published in scientific literature and/or appear on a Federal and/or state registry of evidence-based interventions.

Both public sector (State, local, territorial, tribal) and private sector organizations (including community-based organizations and/or coalitions) are eligible to compete for these non-monetary awards. Developers of an evidence-based intervention or their research collaborators, previous award winners, and Federal agencies are not eligible for the awards.

All applications will be rated using the following four criteria: community need, sustainability, accurate implementation, and results. Independent experts will review and recommend for an award the top scoring submissions in each of the five categories. One or more reviewers may also make a site visit to finalists prior to the announcement of the award recipients.

Winners will receive a commemorative award and will be further recognized on [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov). Award winners do not receive any financial compensation.

Complete information is available on the SAMHSA Web site at [www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice](http://www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice) by clicking on "Application Materials for 2009 Awards."

Applications must be emailed by February 27, 2009 to Michelle Duda, Science and Service Awards Coordinator, at [duda@mail.fpg.unc.edu](mailto:duda@mail.fpg.unc.edu). For those without access to email, the application must be postmarked by midnight on February 27, 2009 and mailed to Dean Fixsen, Ph.D., FPG Child Development Institute, CB #8040 UNC Campus, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040.

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*SAMHSA is a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment and mental health service delivery systems.*



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