



Project ASSERT | 17th Anniversary

Improving Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services & Educating Providers to Refer Patients to Treatment



This year marks the 17th Anniversary of Project ASSERT – an innovative program of the Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH) Emergency Department that has connected more than 48,000 patients with community-based alcohol & drug treatment services.

Project ASSERT employs a unique approach to screen, provide a brief intervention & directly refer patients to specialized care. First launched in 1999, Project ASSERT has since evolved into a cornerstone of the YNHH Emergency Department & serves as a national model for addressing substance misuse and addiction in an urban emergency department setting.

News and Updates:

- Priscilla Verzi recently joined Project ASSERT and is training to serve as a Health Promotion Advocate at both York and Chapel Street Campuses. Priscilla has been part of the YNHH family since 2004 and is a welcome addition to the Project ASSERT team. Together, our team now includes Project Directors, Gail D’Onofrio, MD, MS & Caitlin Johnson, MPH, & Health Promotion Advocates, Gregory Johnson, Shevonne Mack, Damaris Navarro, & Priscilla Verzi.
- Project ASSERT achieved an all-time high for patient consults in 2016, thanks to the addition of new staff and improved program efficiency. Together, our team provided counseling, education and referrals to more than 2,000 patients struggling with substance and alcohol use. Nearly 2/3 of all referrals enrolled in treatment following their emergency department visit.
- With support from a generous grant from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Project ASSERT is thrilled to add a fifth fulltime Health Promotion Advocate at the Chapel Street Campus in Spring 2017. With this addition, Project ASSERT will achieve staff coverage at the York and Chapel Street Campus 7 days a week, significantly increasing its positive impact on the community.



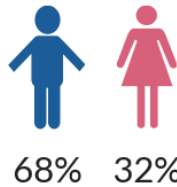
Project ASSERT | 2016 Statistics

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2,043 Patient Consults

Mean Age: 44



70%

of patients are covered by Medicaid

Intervention Type

Alcohol



55%

Drugs



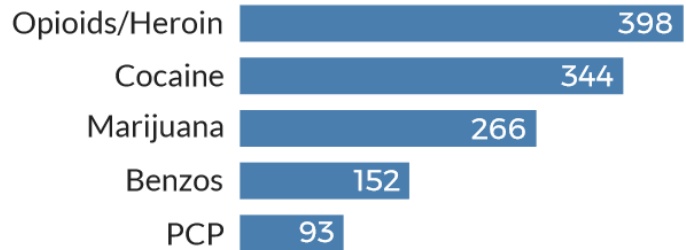
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Alcohol & Drugs

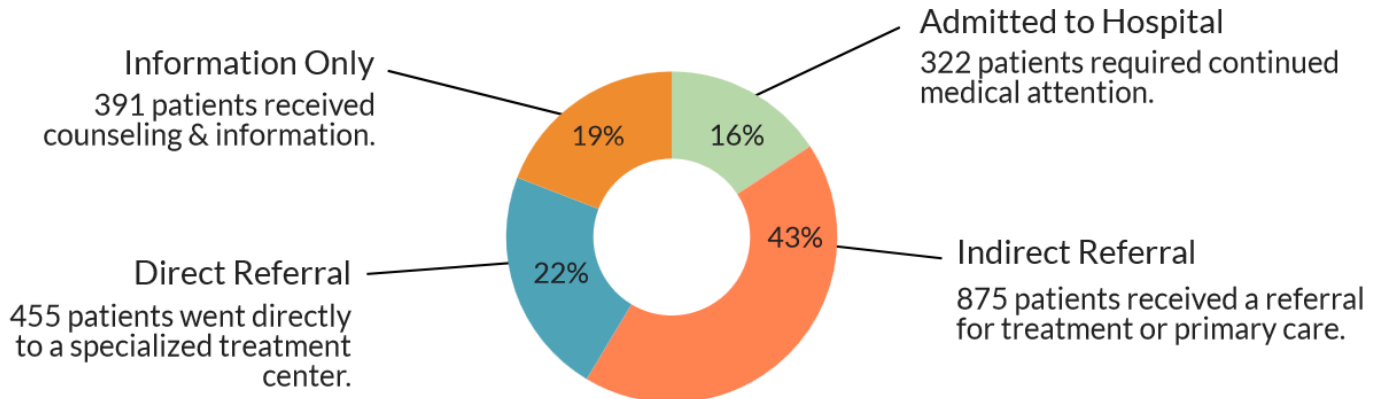


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Most Commonly Used Drugs



Patient Services



Treatment Enrollment



65% of all referrals enrolled in a specialized treatment center within one month of their visit.

Patients were...

2x

more likely to enroll if they went directly from the hospital.