Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Disclosure Statement

**Notice for Agencies in Western North Carolina:**

Appalachian State University’s Beaver College of Health Sciences received a grant in fall of 2015 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to train students across the college to screen individuals using the SBIRT approach. SBIRT trains health care providers to screen, identify, and intervene with adolescents and adultswho are at a moderate to high risk of developing negative health outcomes, or may develop a substance use disorder (SUD).

Through funding from SAMHSA, and over the course of the past few months, we have initiated the training program in the Department of Social Work. Students, faculty, and supervisors are currently being trained to use SBIRT in the field, and faculty are currently integrating this approach into the curriculum. This fall, we will integrate the first part of the training into undergraduate courses in the nursing department.

May 6th was our initial training of clinical supervisors and preceptors who oversee student training in clinical practicum sites, and coordinate training opportunities with current SBIRT-trained providers. Core principles of SBIRT, leadership and motivational interviewing, as well as key information on alcohol and substance abuse skills are just a few of the many skills our students will provide to those they screen at your agencies.

SBIRT is one of many evidenced based practices students learn in the social work program. Using a combination of skills from their social work courses, day long trainings and practice, our students will be able to maintain the high standards in the field while disseminating SBIRT in various settings. This method will allow our interprofessional students a practical, tangible application to move from coursework to simulation to practicum.

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