
Sharon R. Hunt

Education

Ph.D.	2001, Brandeis University, The Heller School, Social Policy, NIAAA pre-doctoral trainee in Health Services Research on Alcohol Related Problems
M.S.W.	1987, The Catholic University of America, Mental Health and Community Organization concentrations
B.A.	1985, The Catholic University of America, Social Work

Professional Experience

Deputy Project Director and Substance Abuse Resource Specialist, American Institutes for Research (AIR) (2003–Present)

Assists project director of the Technical Assistance Partnership with day-to-day direction, coordination, and management of the operations, schedule, and staff of a 5-year technical assistance project designed to support Federal grantees in their efforts to successfully develop and implement local systems of care. Manages a \$4 million annual budget and supervises multiple professional staff, including subcontractors and a multitude of consultants. Develops partnerships and fosters collaborative relationships among a broad range of stakeholders, including tribal representatives and other mental health technical assistance providers, and researchers and clinicians in the field of adolescent substance abuse treatment. As a resource specialist, acts as an advisory resource in the field of substance abuse to provide comprehensive information, teaching and technical assistance to grantee sites.

Co-Project Director, AIR (2007–Present)

Co-manages the Systems Improvement Activities to Enhance Children’s Mental Health Services (“Task Order 54”) contract. Provides research, evaluation, and dissemination support to the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services and to the Comprehensive

Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program grantees. Deputy Project Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), TA for Youth Treatment, Northrop Grumman Information Technology (2002–2003)

Monitored implementation of 50 federally funded adolescent projects (including identifying grantees needing site visits, conducting site visits, and writing reports). Coordinated grantee reporting requirements related to the Government Performance and Results Act and facilitated multi-site research collaboration. Oversaw 15 subcontractors and consultants who provided specialized services and technical assistance in the areas of clinical training and treatment outcome evaluation.

Senior Research Analyst, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) TA for Youth Treatment, Northrop Grumman Information Technology (2001–2002)

Conducted program evaluations and site visits to 12 federally funded communities across the nation. Site visits were for the purpose of providing technical assistance around system of care development and implementation, collaboration, evaluation, and substance abuse treatment.

Consultant, Self-Employed (1997–2001)

Collaborated with health services researchers on a CSAT multi-site study of the impact of the termination of Supplemental Security Income benefits to individuals who had drug addiction and alcoholism material to the finding of disability. Provided technical assistance around understanding disability benefits and local safety nets and helped design and implement a semi-structured study to supplement the main study.

Clinical Training Specialist, Alternative Home Inc. (1994–1997)

Assisted in the development of agency policies and procedures; developed a policies and procedures manual, orientation packet, and client sample record; conducted program evaluations; organized and conducted weekly and special training; and coordinated all aspects of hiring clinical staff.

Program Director, Alternative Home Inc. (1993–1994)

Managed supported apartment program for seriously mentally ill adults (many with co-occurring disorders), supervised and trained eight mental health counselors, responsible for program evaluation and development and fiscal management, helped clients establish a Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA) group, facilitated the DRA group and women's group, and provided clinical on-call services.

Program Director and Clinical Coordinator, Phoenix House, Northeastern Family Institute (1991–1993)

Managed and supervised 12 staff of a residential program for emotionally disturbed adolescents. Responsible for program evaluation and development and fiscal management.

Selected Publications

- Nissen, L.B., Hunt, S.R., Bullman, S., Smith, D.A., and Marmo, J. (2004). Systems of care for adolescent substance abuse treatment: Background, principles and opportunities. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*.
- Hunt, S.R. and Baumohl, J. (2003). Drink, drugs and disability: An introduction to the controversy. *Contemporary Drug Problems*. 30:1–2; 9–76.

Selected Professional Presentations

- Hussey, D. and Hunt, S.R. (2007 August). Developmental Trauma, Attachment, and Special Needs Adoption. Workshop at the Summer 2007 National System of Care meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Hunt, S.R. (2005 November). Applying leadership: Getting started. Plenary at the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment State Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinator's Grantee Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Hunt, S.R. (2005 February). Working with youth with co-occurring disorders and their families. Workshop at the Center for Mental Health Services System of Care Grantee Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Hunt, S.R. and Manteuffel, B. (2003 June). Evaluating systems of care for mental health and substance abuse. Workshop at the Center for Mental Health Services System of Care Grantee Meeting, Tulsa, OK.
- Hunt, S.R. (2002 January). Local evaluation. Plenary session panel on Local Evaluation at the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Targeted Capacity Expansion Grantee Meeting, Washington, DC.

