

# Hawaii Access To Recovery (ATR) Project

## RSS Unit Script for Client Intake Interview

### **Describe ATR Project and relationship with referral agencies and service providers**

“Access to Recovery (ATR) is President Bush’s faith based initiative to expand treatment opportunities for people in need of substance abuse and recovery services. The ATR Project aims to use a broad range of community approaches by inviting traditional and non-traditional providers to create a range of support options. ATR is an independent Federal project, separate from local courts and other local agencies. Confidentiality is important to you and to us. While we must report dangers, like child abuse, the information you tell us about drug or alcohol use is private medical information, and we do not disclose what you tell us without written permission.”

### **Explain the Faith-Based component of treatment**

“Traditional and non-traditional recovery support service providers are equal partners in the ATR Project. All service providers, including faith-based, culture based, and non-traditional providers are authorized by HI-ATR to offer recovery support services, like transportation, child care, and sober housing supportive services.”

### **Explain Choice and the Voucher Component**

“ATR recognizes that not everyone has the ability to pay for services. Those who qualify for the ATR Project may choose from our list of service providers, who are then paid by ATR through an electronic voucher. Vouchers are not paper receipts, but are electronic agreements between your service provider and ATR. You will have choices from a list of ATR partners for a variety of recovery support services. Once you are qualified to participate in the ATR Project, you can elect to use several or none of the services offered under the ATR umbrella.”

### **GPRA and the Requirement for Periodic Reporting**

One of the questions the Federal government has is, “Do people in recovery really need assistance outside of traditional treatment services” with staying clean and sober? They are willing to spend a bit of money to find out. They also require us to prove that their money is being well spent. ATR is a Federal Project, so they require that we keep track of whether our clients are improving with recovery support services. We do that by asking you to answer a short questionnaire. “GPRA stands for ‘Government Performance and Results Act’. The GPRA questions are required today, when you enroll, six months after today, and when you are completely done and discharged from all ATR services. Someone from the RSS Unit for ATR will call you from time to time to ask how you are doing, whether the services you are receiving through HI-ATR are working out and helpful to you, and to come in, in-person, and answer the GPRA questions when you are done with ATR services and 6 months from today. That information is confidential, the GPRA information is sent in without your name attached. Information from the GPRA will help determine whether we’re doing a good job in helping you and others involved with ATR in becoming clean and sober long term. This follow up information is so important that we have permission to offer you an incentive for completing your 6 month GPRA, and those incentive may be a variety of items, like gas cards, gift cards to stores, coupons for free services in the community, or for other things that you might find useful. You can claim your incentive when you complete the 6 month GPRA in person. GPRA compliance is required for you to continue receiving ATR benefits.”

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### **Present Recovery Support Service Providers – Brochures**

“Recovery Support Service providers offer promotional materials about both traditional and Faith or Culture Based ATR Project partners. These brochures are provided to help you make selections from many choices. ATR does not recommend one provider over another, and it does not require that you select any provider, but wants you to know that you have many options for assistance in getting clean and sober from substance use. We’re going to ask you some questions to help you consider what kinds of RSS services may be helpful to you as you work on your recovery.”

[RSS Questionnaire]

### **Develop Recovery Support Service Plan**

“Based on the answers you’ve provided, it appears that you may find it helpful to use XXX services categories. ATR funds are limited, and can only support you when there is no other way to pay for the services you need. Are you currently eligible or already receiving these kinds of services elsewhere, or that are being paid for by someone else? Which kinds of Recovery Support Services would be most helpful to you?”

### **Identify Critical Team Members**

“When clients are referred to ATR for assessment and services, it does not replace or excuse responsibility for compliance with other obligations, such as working with probation, parole, medical, clinical or faith-based providers. ATR supports those team members, and offers choices for additional support. ATR does not replace or eliminate those members of your team. Are you currently involved with any of the following team members?”