Family Treatment

For Substance Abuse

Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic Project

- Chronic adult (18-33) heroin addicts (all males)
- Randomly assigned to:
- ✓ Treatment as ususl
- √ 10 outpatient family therapy sessions
- Both groups followed post termination, every 6 months for two years
- Treatment as usual: 80% relapsed to serious use within 6 months of termination
- ✓ Family therapy group: 80% stayed totally sober for the full two years

What was done?

- Family/Parent empowerment model
- Family problems initially overlooked in the interest of engagement
- ► Addicts initially came in alone and claimed they had no family
- Addicts were actually much more connected to family than nonaddicts of the same age
- Family was recruited
- Addict moved home and detoxed under family supervision
- Family organized to help client stay sober
- Family organized to help client construct a normal life

Treatment Steps

- Decide to seek treatment
- Detox
- Maintain sobriety
- Organize normal life
- ► How can family participate and help on each step?

Stories

- What triggers relapse
- Shane
- ✓ Single mom in Newark
- Grandmom will not return the kids (Hot mess in booty shorts)
- Start treatment: What triggers seeking sobriety?
- Court ordered
- Family ordered: Phone calls from family, Intervention with capital "I"
- ✓ Family inspired: Mike, Robert, Janet
- ✓ Detox
- Philadelphia Project
- ✓ Tina
- Stay sober and organize normal life:
- ✓ Kendrick
- ✓ Tina