

## **AB 1050 Executive Steering Committee Treatment Program Completion Rates Proposed Definition**

### **Treatment Program Completion Rates**

Treatment program completion rate is the percentage of people entering a program who go on to complete it.

#### **Note**

While this measure provides useful information for the purposes of program evaluation, by itself it does not provide a direct measure of program effectiveness.

#### **Measurement**

Treatment programs are multifaceted in their design, services and population served. To avoid unintentionally excluding programs with a narrow definition, respondents are asked to define enrollment and completion prior to calculating the treatment program completion rate.

##### **A. Enrollment**

- An enrollment definition includes criteria on admittance, intake, and/or referral. A clear start date should be captured locally.
  - E.g. Enrollment in the ABC treatment program begins after the participant completes an in-take interview with a program counselor
  - E.g. Enrollment in the ABC treatment program begins when the participant receives an acceptance letter

##### **B. Completion**

- A completion definition includes criteria on the steps a participant must take to finish the program. The client's status at departure (e.g. met criteria, transferred out of program, dismissed from program, etc.) and date of completion should be captured locally.
  - E.g. Completion in the ABC treatment program is defined as graduation from phases 1-3
  - E.g. Completion of the ABC treatment program is achieved when the participant receives a Certificate of Completion

#### **Formula**

$$\frac{\text{Number Completed}}{\text{Number Enrolled}} = \text{Completion Rate}$$

1. Tally the number of participants who have enrolled in the program
2. Tally the number of participants who have completed the program
3. Divide completions by enrollment to arrive at the completion rate