

ORR Survivors of Torture Program
Data Collection Update

Tuesday October 4, 2016
1:00-2:30pm



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Webinar Agenda



- Introduction
- Use of data points by ORR
- Use of data points for research
- Use of data points for program evaluation
- Review of changes in data points
- Review of outcome indicators
- Questions
- Wrap-up

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ORR Use of Program Data Points

- Background on Data Points
 - Original 17 Data Points; Revisions; Approval
- FY16 Program Data Points
 - Submit with 2nd semi-annual report
- Importance of Program Data
 - Learn about demographics, needs, services
 - Identify trends and emerging areas of need
 - Include in reports; support funding requests

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NCTTP Member Centers' Research Project



- Since FY2010, the NCTTP Member Centers' Research Project has collected in client level data the same data the ORR SOT Program has collected in aggregate data.
- The Reasoning:
 - Many NCTTP centers sharing data -> larger numbers = information much more powerful
 - Client-level data provides info on each variable, but is able to also show interactions between variables, i.e., can go beyond descriptive statistics.

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NCTTP Research: IRB, Data on 15,000 Survivors



- Institutional Review Board (IRB) Monitoring, Data Use Agreement, Monthly Calls
- Paper published by NCTTP Member Centers, Dec. 2015, in the Torture Journal on 9,025 survivors treated in NCTTP centers FY08 – FY13.
- When data collection for FY2016 is completed, we estimate the NCTTP Member Centers' Research Project will have collected data on 15,000 torture survivors treated in NCTTP centers.
- Next paper in progress

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NCTTP has Added its own Variables



The NCTTP added variables each year on aspects of treatment and recovery outcomes:

1. Immigration Status at Intake & Current FY
2. Employment Status at Intake & Current FY
3. Housing Status at Intake & Current FY
4. Access to Basic Resources at Intake & Current FY
5. Community Involvement at Intake & Current FY
6. Psychiatric & Physical Diagnoses
7. Perception of own physical health

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ORR & NCTTP Plans for FY17



- The NCTTP Research Project plans to incorporate the ORR's data variables for FY2017. The NCTTP will collect in client level data each of ORR's first 16 variables + three aggregate data points.
 - Ongoing variables which have been revised by the ORR will be revised in the NCTTP materials.
 - The NCTTP is already collecting two of the four new variables the ORR is introducing for FY17
 - The other two new ORR variables will be incorporated in the NCTTP's FY17 Data Guide and Excel files

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Exploring Outcomes



- The NCTTP project will consider and work with the six outcome domains the ORR is interested in exploring for FY2017.
 - The special challenge of outcome variables for any service or research project is to be able to accurately show changes over time in individual torture survivors, i.e., how many improved, how many did not improve, how many got worse.

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Access to Interactions of Variables = Useful, Vital



- A key goal of outcome research is to be able to explain some of the reasons why changes did or did not occur:
 - Were the survivors who made progress male / female?
 - Did age seem to make a difference?
 - Did type of torture and/or country of torture make a difference?
- If we know some of the factors associated with why change happened or didn't happen, then this helps us improve programs & policy by initiating, discarding, or revising certain program components.

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- The NCTTP Member Centers' Research Project is enthusiastic to work with all NCTTP members and the ORR in this Data Venture for FY2017.
- We encourage ORR SOT Grantees which are not yet members of the NCTTP to consider membership.
- Please let us know how we can help.

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PROGRAM EVALUATION and its utility for SoT programs

Maria Vukovich, PhD
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- What to collect
 - Indicators and outcomes
- When to collect
 - Timelines and Tracking
- How to monitor
 - Datasets and data storage

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What to Collect



- Program goals and objectives tell us what we want to evaluate
 - Indicators
 - Outcomes

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When to collect



- Pre-test at intake
- Post-test(s) at follow up time point(s)

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How to monitor



- Ready, set, go?
- Not really, we still need systems for tracking
 - Due dates
 - Reminders
 - Storing client information and assessment data
 - Accountability and staying organized

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Utility



- Documentation for funding
- Internal program decision making
- Treatment planning and delivery
- Advocate for policy changes
- Contribute to greater body of knowledge

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Resources



National Capacity Building Project Evaluation

American Evaluation Association

Michael Q. Patton

Rossi, Lipsey & Freeman

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Changes to the Form and Program Indicators



- Changes to the Data Points Form
 - Title; Point of contact; Reporting instructions
- Changes to the Program Indicators
 - Four new; Two combined; One removed
- Program Data Points User Guide
 - In progress; email questions

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SOT Outcome Indicators



- Survivor of Torture Psychosocial Well-being Index (SOT-PWI)
 - Brief overview
 - Client capabilities matrix
 - 22/24 areas of need, 5 levels of need
 - 2015 validity trials
 - 2016 inter-rater reliability study
 - Ongoing longitudinal research study
 - Individual client application = MOU Partnership

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SOT Outcome Indicators



- SOT Outcome Indicators = 6 SOT-PWI domains
 - Legal (Immigration), Housing, Physical Health Needs, Mental Health Needs, Access to Community Resources, Support System in the U.S.
- FY 2017 ORR Data Collection
 - Individual data collected at (T1) intake and (T2) end of reporting period or client termination
 - **Aggregate data reported to ORR**
 - Service provider scores client

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SOT Outcome Indicators



- Transitional Year
 - Option to use existing program measures and “convert” data in report to ORR
 - Outcome indicators used to advocate on behalf of SOT programs
 - Feedback encouraged!
- Option to participate in SOT-PWI longitudinal research study
 - Contact Dr. Michaela Zajicek-Farber at farber@cua.edu

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Questions?



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Thank you for attending this session on
ORR's Survivors of Torture Program
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If you have any questions, please contact
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