



Clinic Capacity Building in Support of the Integration of SBIRT Processes

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health is offering sponsorship funding for primary care clinics (herein referred to as “clinic”) to support the integration of the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Process across South Dakota.

SECTION I: SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW

The South Dakota Department of Social Services received funding through a State Cooperative Agreement from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to implement SBIRT in partnering clinics or health systems. The project is statewide in focus. SBIRT, or Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs.¹

APPLICATION INTENT

The intent of this sponsorship application is to solicit responses from organizations aiming to build clinic capacity through enhanced IT infrastructure, electronic medical record enhancement, integrated referrals to behavioral health support services, and/or other supporting elements that allow for integration of behavioral health and substance abuse screening and responsive treatment pathways for at-risk individuals.

SBIRT COMPONENTS

The following are the three main components of the South Dakota SBIRT Program:

- **Screening** — a healthcare professional assesses a patient for risky substance use behaviors using standardized screening tools. Screening can occur in any healthcare setting
- **Brief Intervention** — a healthcare professional engages a patient showing risky substance use behaviors in a short conversation, providing feedback and advice
- **Referral to Treatment** — a healthcare professional provides a referral to brief therapy or additional treatment to patients who screen in need of additional services

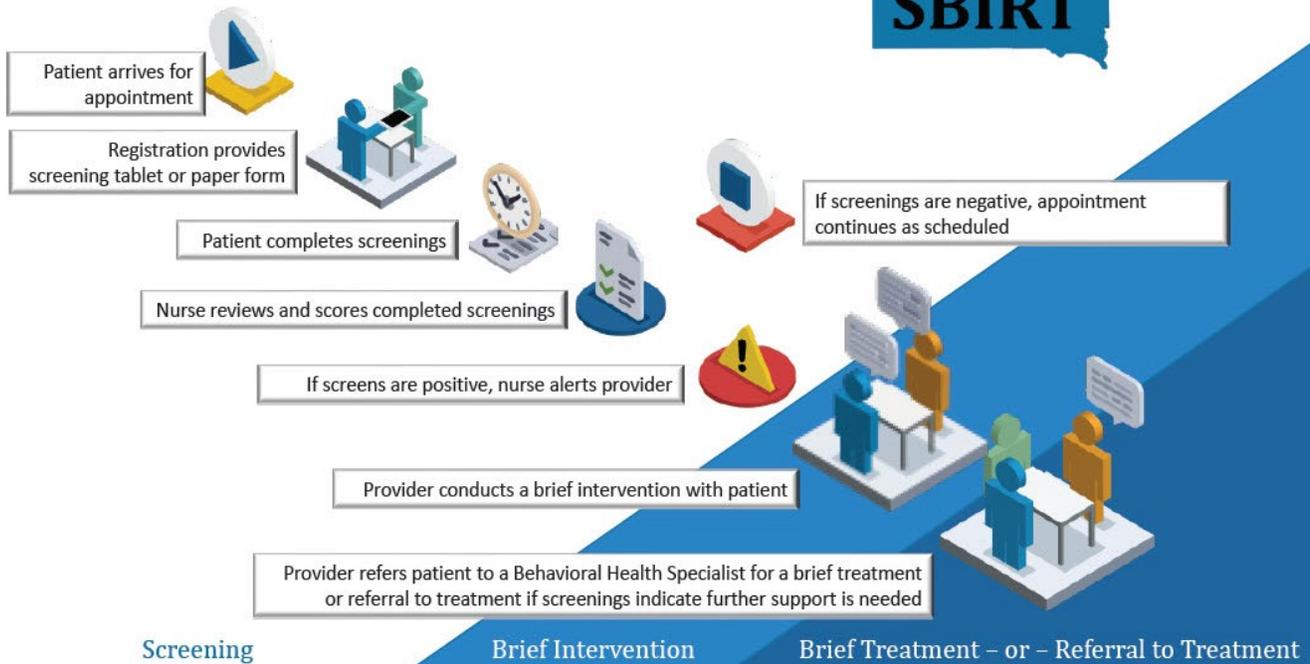
An introductory video to the South Dakota SBIRT Program with a sample patient case can be viewed [here](#).

A sample clinic workflow is show on page 2.

¹SAMHSA. *SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment*. 2019. <https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/sbirt>

SBIRT Clinic Workflow – High Level Overview

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- South Dakota-based clinics or health systems

Consideration will also be given to applicants seeking to integrate SBIRT components into alternative settings, including but not limited to:

- student health clinics supporting colleges/universities,
- emergency rooms/departments

ORGANIZATION READINESS VS. CLINIC SIZE

Respondents who provide the best demonstration of organizational readiness for and commitment to long-term integration of SBIRT services will be given preference in selection. The size of a clinic, scale of proposed services, or community need are not selection criteria for this sponsorship; emphasis is placed on the likelihood of long-term, continued integration of substance use and mental health screenings and referrals in support of any issues identified for sustainability. Organizations must also have a provider champion, or leader within their clinic/system that is committed to the project, their key role being to champion SBIRT implementation among their peers in clinic.

SCREENING COMPONENTS REQUIRED FOR INTEGRATION

SBIRT utilizes a screening process that includes a pre-screen (single questions that assesses a patient's risk level associated with substance and alcohol use) followed by a full-screen for positive pre-screen results. The following table identifies the required South Dakota SBIRT screening tools for use among selected partners:

Required SD SBIRT Screening Tools	Pre-Screen	Full Screen
Alcohol Use	AUDIT-C	AUDIT
Drug Use	DAST, single question	DAST-10
Mental Health/Depression	PHQ-9	N/A
Tobacco	Single Tobacco Question	N/A

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Interested clinics are encouraged to review the SAMHSA website (<https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/> and <https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt>) regarding SBIRT and integrated services for more information about the program and strategies for implementation used nationwide.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND TIMELINE

Application Deadline:

Applications will be accepted on a cycle as depicted below, dependent on the availability of grant funds.

The Division of Behavioral Health may call or email the listed primary contact with clarifying questions during the review process. If follow-up information is needed, the award timeline may be delayed.

Application and Award Cycle	
Application Due Date	Anticipated Award/Contract Date
December 8 th , 2020	February 1 st , 2021
March 15 th , 2021	June 1 st , 2021
August 11 th , 2021	October 1 st , 2021
November 10 th , 2021	January 1 st , 2022
February 9 th , 2022	April 1 st , 2022

Send completed application forms to DSSBH@state.sd.us, subject line: "SBIRT Implementation Application".

Sponsored activities may begin upon notice of award, but not before (see Application and Award Cycle above for Anticipated Award/Contract Dates). No pre-award costs will be eligible for reimbursement. Completion of activities is subject to the scope of what is being proposed, and to the continuation of federal funding supporting this program.

Application Checklist:

The following documents should be provided to ensure your application is received as complete. Document templates (excluding a Cost Proposal template) are available at <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/>.

- Completed, signed Application Form
- Cost Proposal
- W-9
- Subrecipient questionnaire
- FFATA Form

COMMON QUESTIONS

What is the anticipated award size?

Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding in the range of \$10,000 - \$50,000 per state fiscal year. Based on continued funding availability and clinic needs, continuation awards into a new fiscal year may be granted.

Can a clinic submit more than one application?

No. Each clinic can apply for one sponsorship per state fiscal year.

Will a clinic need to provide any information/outcomes?

Yes; grantees will be expected to provide outcome measures e.g. # of screens completed). Utilization of grant funding also requires compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) using approved SBIRT data collection tools. For more information or to discuss questions please contact the SBIRT Program Manager (see below).

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact Rachel Oelmann (email: rachel@sageprojectconsultants.com), Interim SBIRT Program Manager with questions as you prepare your application, or to request a meeting to discuss your proposed approach prior to applying to see if it aligns with the state's grant priorities and allowable costs.