

SBIRT Implementation Planning Worksheet



This planning worksheet lists common questions that often need to be answered to build out a process flow for an integrated SBIRT program. Your organization can use this document as a discussion tool to support decision making, but this list is not intended to be inclusive or exclusive of all possible ideas.

Question	Your Response	
Prescreening and Screening Stage		
How often will our agency		
provide SBIRT to a typical		
patient?		
Will our agency use		
prescreening (a small number		
of questions to determine		
eligibility for a full screening)?		
Will screenings be self-		
administered or staff-		
administered?		
What staff roles will administer		
or manage screening		
processes?		
What types of screening do we		
plan to provide?		
Alcohol?		
Tobacco?		
Other Drugs?		
Depression/Anxiety?		
Other?		
Post Screening Stage		
Who will interpret the results		
of the screening tools?		
Which staff members will		
provide brief intervention (BI)		
services?		

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Question	Your Response	
Post Screening Stage (continued)		
What will the protocol be for		
treatment (referral?		
pharmacotherapy? multiple		
pathways?)		
Who will ensure that treatment		
is initiated or referral is		
effectuated?		
Agency Infrastructure		
Who will be involved in		
designing the SBIRT process		
for our agency?		
How will SBIRT fit into our		
patient flow?		
How will prescreening/		
screening results and		
documentation be integrated		
into patient records?		
How will staff members be		
cued to provide SBIRT (e.g.,		
EMR note? Paper file?)?		
How will providers be		
informed about the outcomes		
of screenings?		
Planning and Preparation		
What training is needed by		
staff members (Motivational		
interviewing? Substance/drug		
use? Mental health? SBIRT		
implementation?)		
What staff roles need which		
types of training?		
How much time can each role		
dedicate to training? When and how will each		
training be completed?		
Who will provide each of the		
training courses (In-house		
expertise? Outside expertise?)?		

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Patient Outcomes		
What data does our agency		
already collect that evaluates		
the health of our patients?		
How can patient outcomes be		
measured in our clinic?		
Supply Needs		
What supplies are needed for		
this project (e.g., resources for		
charting, communication,		
education, referral, or		
awareness)?		
What information will be made		
available to patients about our		
SBIRT process?		
How will we deliver SBIRT-		
related resources and		
information to patients?		
How will providers be		
informed about the outcomes		
of screenings?		
Timing Questions		
When will SBIRT services begin		
(selecting a target date)?		
How will the rollout occur (All		
patients? Staggered selection		
by provider or clinic?		
Regionally?)?	Other Netes	
	Other Notes	