

RFP #1439 Community Education and Training Contractor
Definition of a Dual Diagnosis Capable Program

The Comprehensive, Continuous, Integrated System of Care (CCISC) model for organizing services for individuals with co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders (ICOPSD) is designed to improve treatment capacity for these individuals in systems of any size and complexity, ranging from entire states, to regions or counties, networks of agencies, individual complex agencies, or even programs within agencies. The CCISC model is recognized by SAMHSA as a best practice for systems implementation for treatment of ICOPSD. A presentation of Definitions and Terms Relevant to Co-Occurring Disorders, developed by SAMHSA's Co-Occurring Center for Excellence (COCE) in February 2005, indicates the following:

“Dual diagnosis capable (DDC) programs are those that address co-occurring mental and substance-related disorders in their policies and procedures, assessment, treatment planning, program content and discharge planning. Even where such programs are geared primarily toward treating substance use or mental health disorders, program staff are able to address the interaction between mental and substance related disorders and their effect on the patient’s readiness to change—as well as relapse and recovery environment issues—through individual and group program content”.