

# TASC in North Carolina

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

THE NORTH CAROLINA TASC NETWORK SERVES AS A CRITICAL LINK BETWEEN JUSTICE AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS FOR OFFENDERS. THE TASC CARE MANAGEMENT MODEL REDUCES THE BURDEN AND IMPROVES THE OUTCOMES OF THE JUSTICE AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS BY OBJECTIVELY BALANCING PUBLIC SAFETY WITH THE NEED TO RESTORE INDIVIDUALS' HEALTH AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY VIA ACCESS TO AN ARRAY OF SERVICES. TASC OPERATES WITHIN THESE SYSTEMS BY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.



## A National Perspective

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that addiction is an illness, not a crime, and that states may compel people to submit to treatment, and also impose criminal sanctions for non-compliance. In the early 1970s, federal agencies began developing the concept of linking treatment and the judicial process for the specific purpose of interrupting the relationship between addictive behavior and criminal activity. The result was an initiative named Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime.

In 1972, the first TASC program opened in Wilmington, Delaware, and today there are TASC programs across the United States dedicated to the professional delivery of services to substance involved criminal justice populations. North Carolina is the only state in the country which has unified its TASC network under the central administration of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, ensuring consistent, high-quality services.

## TASC in North Carolina

TASC operates as a component of a community mental health/substance abuse service provider maintaining close relationships with the criminal justice

system, which refers eligible clients to TASC. Eligible clients are those with a potential substance use and/or mental health issue and are involved in the adult criminal justice system. Referrals come from the courts and community corrections.

The North Carolina TASC Network integrates the needs of the criminal justice system, and the recovery needs of the offender with available resources by prioritizing and managing services based on standard criteria and focusing on client outcomes.

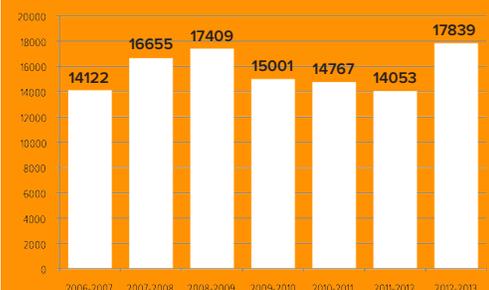
TASC activities include:

- Assessing for treatment and recovery support needs;
- Matching clients with appropriate levels of care;
- Developing and adjusting care plans;
- Referring clients to and ensuring placement in community-based treatment and support services;
- Integrating service needs and supervision requirements;
- Monitoring client progress and reporting to the criminal justice system.

## THE TASC CARE MANAGEMENT MODEL



## NC TASC ADMISSIONS



## TASC Service Delivery System

TASC services are available in every county in North Carolina and are organized into four regions that reflect the State's judicial districts and divisions. This structure facilitates communication across court, correctional and treatment systems. Each region is organized and managed via a TASC Regional Coordinating Entity (RCE), a key element of the standardized and integrated statewide network. The TASC RCEs serve as the management infrastructure for the effective delivery of treatment and recovery supports to the offender populations in each region. They are responsible for ensuring that TASC services are available throughout their respective regions, and serve as the administrative and accountability link between the TASC Network and the Division. To ensure that TASC staff and programs across the state are equipped to effectively deliver services to eligible populations, the TASC Training Institute was

established to provide professional, state-of-the-art training on a wide range of issues related to offender management.

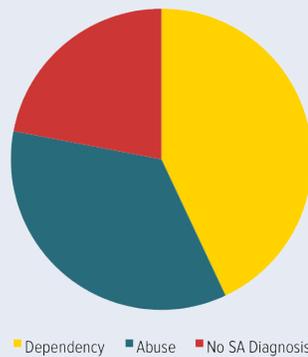
## A National Model

The North Carolina model for delivering TASC services to offenders is the first of its kind in the country, and replicable nationwide. Even as many states consider systemic approaches to the treatment needs of offenders, North Carolina has implemented a statewide infrastructure to meet those needs. Centralized oversight allows the state to efficiently leverage resources to ensure that offenders will return to their communities safely. The statewide nature of the TASC Network ensures that offenders across the state will have access to the same quality and types of services.

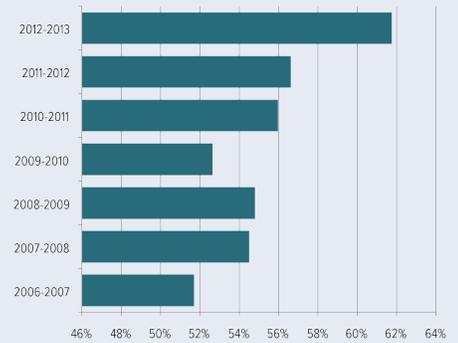
### NC TASC FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Referrals.....	20,272
Admissions.....	17,839
Male.....	77%
Non-White.....	52%
Average Age.....	31
Never Married.....	68%
No High School Diploma.....	36%
Drug Offense.....	46%
Average cost per client per day.....	\$1.48

### PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS



### TASC COMPLETION RATES



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