



DBHDD Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Dartmouth Assertive Community Treatment Scale (DACTS) Fidelity Review Reports

Purpose: The ACT Fidelity Scale used is the Dartmouth Assertive Community Scale (DACTS) developed by Teague, Bond, and Drake (1998). The DACTS contains 28 program specific items to measure the adequacy of implementation of ACT programs. Each item is scored using a likert scale from 1-5, with 1 meaning not implemented and 5 meaning fully implemented. Items on the scale fall into three categories: human resources (structure and composition); organizational boundaries; and nature of services.

The DACTS Fidelity Scale was developed to measure the adequacy of ACT program implementation. ACT Fidelity monitoring ascertains a measurement of the team's current practices based upon clinical records reviews, staff interviews, interviews with consumers, and administrative documents. The fidelity score and composite report assist with practice improvement areas and in providing technical assistance to professional employees.

Method: The DBHDD ACT Fidelity Review Team completes a DACTS fidelity review on all ACT teams in the state of Georgia the review includes the following activities:

- 1.) Interviews with several staff including but not limited to:
 - a.) ACT team staff
 - b.) Provider administrative staff
 - c.) Individuals who receive ACT services
- 2.) Observation of a Treatment Team Meeting
- 3.) Chart Review of at least 20% of the overall ACT team census
- 4.) Field Observation
- 5.) Wrap-up discussion with ACT Team staff and regional office
- 6.) Exit interview with ACT Team staff, provider leadership, regional and state office
- 7.) Technical Assistance session with ACT team staff:

Each ACT teams DACTS summary report is provided and includes the DACTS total and DACTS mean score, a detailed description of each DACTS item by section, the rating for each item and a mean score for each section.