

# Training & Technical Assistance

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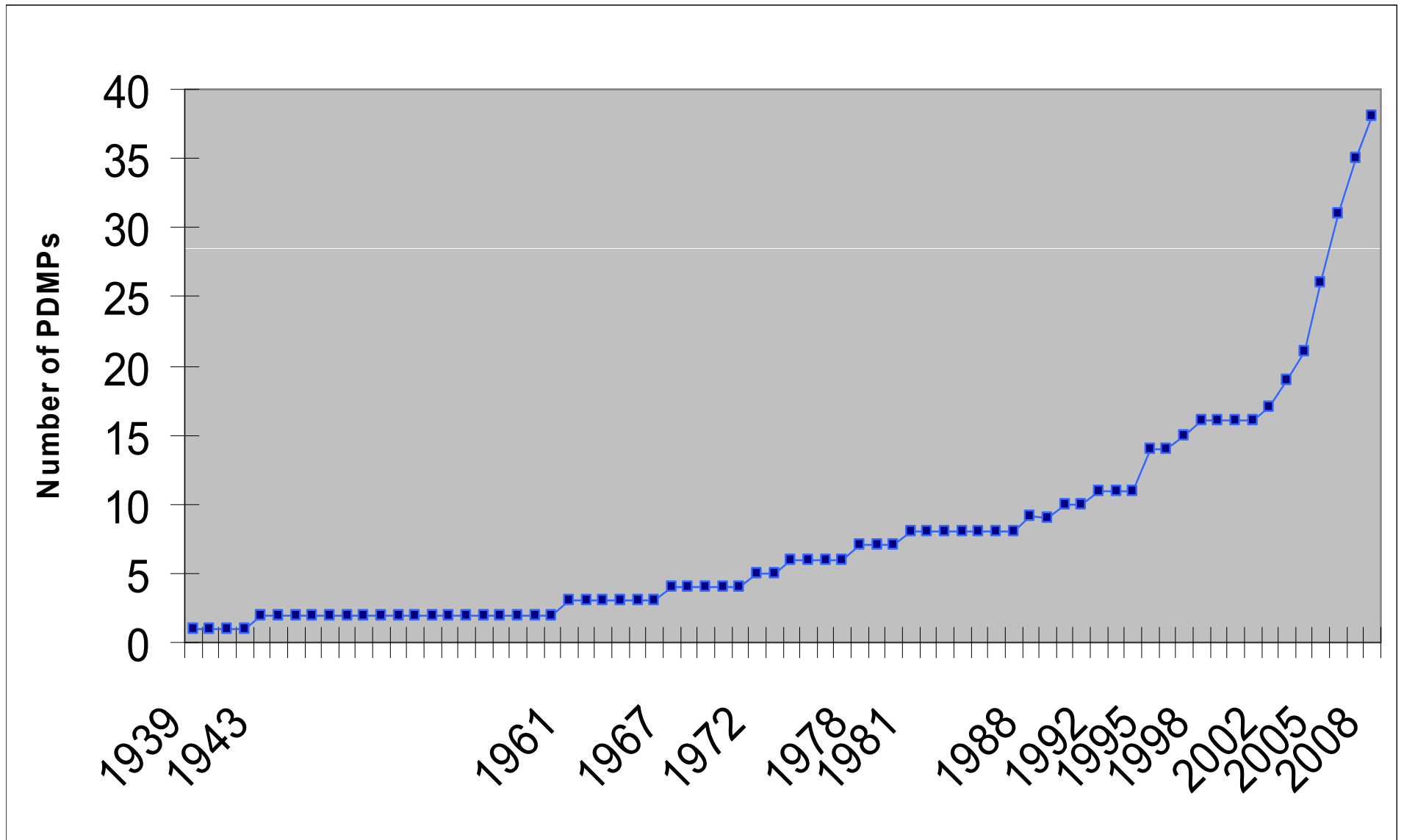
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# PDMPs Statutorily Authorized 1939 - 2008



# Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Tremendous growth in the number of states with PDMPs since the 2002 Harold Rogers legislation
- Coupled with technological change, expansion and increased visibility of PDMPs
  - Many newer state PDMPs
  - Great variation in the context, operations, and resources of state PDMPs
  - Corresponding need to document and understand PDMP similarities and differences
  - What difference do the differences make?
  - Best practices?

# Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- There is a wealth of experience and expertise among the “older” state PDMPs
  - Existing mentoring of newer PDMPs
  - Can the mentoring be carried out in a more systematic way?
  - Can what has been learned by older and newer PDMPs be captured, organized, and disseminated to all PDMPs?
  - What are the best ways for PDMPs to share knowledge and expertise and support one another in continued learning?

# Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Conversely, the many “newer” state PDMPs have become operational in a different context
  - Technological advances
  - High visibility of prescription drug abuse
- What are the emerging issues for newer PDMPs?
  - Develop a more systematic way for all PDMPs to frame and address these issues
  - Benefit to “older” PDMPs seeking to enhance their systems

# Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Increasing amount of written materials about PDMPs – research, policy documents, position papers, legislative background studies
  - Corresponding need to gather, organize, and assess this material and make it available in a user-friendly format
  - An opportunity for PDMPs to identify and help shape research that would be useful to them

# Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Given all of the above, there is an immediate need for the PDMP TTA Center to ramp up quickly to serve PDMPs
- At the same time, in order to be responsive to changing needs, the Center needs PDMP input and feedback early and often – implying an implementation in stages
  - Web site
  - Regional PDMP meetings
  - National BJA/PDMP meeting
  - Conference calls, e-mail

# Purpose of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

To be a flexible, responsive resource to BJA, state PDMPs, and other stakeholders in

- Compiling, organizing, assessing and making available in a user-friendly way PDMP materials, research findings, legislation, etc.
- Facilitating exchange of knowledge, expertise, and tools among PDMPs
- Developing trainings to address emerging needs among PDMPs
- Tailoring technical assistance to individual PDMPs
- Helping to organize the “voice” of PDMPs

# Brandeis/Alliance Partnership

- What the Alliance brings to the TTA Center
  - Members are the experts
    - Experience in providing TA
  - Members are the TTA recipients
    - Experience in identifying TA needs, working with TA provider
  - History of facilitating interstate mentoring
    - Patterns of local assistance, sharing, collective learning
  - Alliance increasingly giving voice to state PDMP concerns, views, experiences
    - Is there a need for a collective PDMP voice?

# Brandeis/Alliance Partnership

- What Brandeis brings
  - Research expertise in substance abuse/prescription drug abuse issues, assessment, prevention and tx
    - How does the work of PDMPs fit into this larger context?
    - What in this context do PDMPs need to pay attention to?
  - Expertise in evaluating state PDMP, collaboration networks, and TTA
    - How can the TTA Center's work intelligently build upon and extend existing interstate relationships and networks?
  - Expertise in compiling, assessing, and organizing literature
    - Allow state PDMPs to explore in depth as needed

# TTA Center: Governance

- Overall structure:
  - Alliance Board of Directors and Alliance officers
    - Guide administration of grant funds
  - Brandeis University: fiscal agent
  - Program Director: Jim Giglio
    - Oversee operations and administration, coordinate TA
  - Program Coordinator: Chris Baumgartner
    - Maintain Web site content, produce Newsletter, provide TA
  - Brandeis Principal Investigator: Peter Kreiner
    - Design and oversee TTA Center evaluation; provide evaluation TA
  - Brandeis Project Coordinator: Carol Prost
    - Implement TTA Center evaluation

# TTA Center: Governance

- Other resources
  - Subcontract to SAI for work on performance measures
  - Subcontract to Resonate, Inc. for Web site development
  - Consultant: John Eadie
  - Prescription drug research expertise (Brandeis):  
Cindy Thomas, Meelee Kim
  - Attorney
  - Executive Assistant

# How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
  - Serve as the primary provider of TA and information to states that are enhancing or implementing a PDMP
    - Help with updating PDMP Model Act
    - Develop and disseminate “best practices”
    - Help improve BJA performance measure reporting
    - Provide testimony and presentations at public hearings and meetings with legislators, law enforcement, public health and other stakeholders
    - Assist in developing policy papers
    - Help in responding to questions

# How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
  - Web site
    - Provide easy and immediate access to TA
    - News updates, including Alliance Newsletters and regional updates
    - Repository of documents, such as PDMP and federal agency contact list, PDMP Model Act, ASAP 2007, *Goals of Prescription Monitoring*, cost models for interstate data sharing
    - Clearinghouse of prescription drug abuse and PDMP policy and research literature, state legislation
    - Links to related Web sites of interest to state PDMPs
    - Password protected “members only” section for information and reports for states and federal partners

# How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
  - Host/facilitate national and regional PDMP conferences
    - Forum for identification and discussion of key issues
    - Status updates
    - Networking
    - Input/feedback to TTA Center
  - Bi-monthly Alliance Newsletter
    - Highlight news of current interest to PDMPs
  - Advise and assist BJA grantees in collecting and reporting performance measures
    - Coordinate with SAI

# How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
  - Provide analysis/summaries of state laws and regulations governing PDMPs and other key programmatic issues
    - Coordinate with NAMSDL
  - Serve as national resource for PDMP grantees and others
    - Function as a collective “voice” for PDMPs
  - Support PDMP national and federal partners
    - Coordinate with IJIS Institute for operation of interstate data sharing “Hub”
    - Coordinate with DEA
    - Coordinate with public health and medical stakeholders

# How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
  - Conduct and report on selected data analyses
    - Characteristics associated with doctor shopping behavior based on data from five states
  - Provide TA regarding evaluation of state PDMPs
    - What other state PDMPs have done
    - Our suggestions based on review/analysis of your system and objectives
  - Evaluate the TTA Center
    - Document all TA requests and responses
    - Follow up with TA recipients regarding usefulness of assistance received
    - Solicit input and feedback at regional and national meetings, and on Web site (Members Only section)
    - Report back to PDMPs and stakeholders at regional and national meetings, on Members Only section of Web site

# Requests for Training/Technical Assistance

- Programmatic questions, technical assistance, information needed:
  - [cbaumgartner@pmpalliance.org](mailto:cbaumgartner@pmpalliance.org)
  - [jgiglio@pmpalliance.com](mailto:jgiglio@pmpalliance.com)
  - [assist@pmpalliance.com](mailto:assist@pmpalliance.com)
- PMP evaluation questions, TA, information:
  - [prost@brandeis.edu](mailto:prost@brandeis.edu)
  - [pkreiner@brandeis.edu](mailto:pkreiner@brandeis.edu)

# Projected Web Site Development Schedule

- Initial Alliance/PMP TTA Center Web presence:
  - Approx. May 31
- Alliance and PMP TTA Center “home” sites
  - Alliance mission, by-laws, composition, etc.
  - PMP TTA Center – who we are, what we do, request for TA contact
  - Newsletters, events, announcements, conferences (including online registration capability)
  - Info migrated from NASCSA site
  - Links to useful sites
  - Approx. July

# Projected Web Site Development Schedule

- Facilitate work of Simeone & Associates
  - Assist states on BJA performance measures
  - Approx. Aug.
- News articles, research, policy statements relevant to PDMPs, beginning of Clearinghouse
  - Approx. Sept.
- “Members only” section, state PDMP survey database
  - Approx. Sept./Oct.