



RUTGERS

Center of Alcohol and
Substance Use Studies

FY2024 Objectives and Key Results

- 1. Enhance the public profile of the Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies (CAS) to emphasize the broad contributions that the Center has made to research, education, and training on the development, prevention, and treatment of stress, trauma, and substance use disorders.**
 - a. Strengthen reciprocal awareness and relationships between the Center and Rutgers institutes, centers, and schools.
 - b. Continue to strengthen reciprocal awareness and relationships between CAS and GSAPP.
 - Increase participation in shared external events, scientific projects, involvement in search committees, and evaluation of faculty members.
 - Expand the Community Advisory Board composed of members from Rutgers and the wider community.
 - c. Increase community outreach and impact.
 - Plan events and projects in partnership with community organizations and agencies.
 - Enhance the CAS website, news, and newsletter.

- 2. Build addiction research training and wellness promotion programs through stronger collaborations with a broad range of diverse partners and community members.**
 - a. Collaborate with partners to prepare a NIDA P50 funded Center of Excellence application to leverage data science to advance equity and discovery in addiction treatment.
 - b. Increase the number of students from underrepresented groups who are exposed to, trained in, and successfully pursuing translational addiction research careers through access to a mentorship network of interdisciplinary addiction experts from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences.
 - c. Strengthen and build all aspects of CAS research, training, and dissemination activities through expertise of our Community Advisory Board members who are actively engaged in a sequence of carefully planned research and program development projects and hands-on learning experiences.

3. Enhance visibility of CAS research and wellness promotion program development programs.

- a. Publish and publicly disseminate an Annual Report highlighting the top research and scholarly activities of the CAS faculty.
- b. Strengthen the relationship with the GSAPP Communications Department to develop and implement dissemination through public media and other sources.
- c. Disseminate innovative and cutting-edge resources developed at CAS via our website and other avenues.

4. Expand external funding capacity.

- a. Maintain a high level of submissions for extramurally funded research grants.
- b. Increase the annual number of contract submissions.
- c. Continue to offer training and mentoring programs and other educational venues to build early investigator capacity for submissions, including the monthly K-grant meeting, to enhance student and faculty knowledge and skills and to provide support for submitting competitive federal grants.
- d. Increase number of “affiliates” who can serve as collaborators with CAS faculty and scholars.
- e. Obtain additional funding for addiction research training and post-doctoral training programs.
- f. Release an annual RFA to fund pilot studies with collaborations across Rutgers and CAS.
- g. Develop a strategy for increasing for increasing partnerships with private donors.