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## Developing outcomes-informed substance abuse treatment: Focus on young adults

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Recent policy and legislative changes have contributed to two important changes in the substance abuse treatment community: increased access to care for many young adults and the need to develop effective outcomes information. Organizations that can consistently present valid and reliable information regarding patient outcomes and satisfaction will thrive in the new healthcare environment. This presentation will focus the emerging adult population, ages 18-25, and identify differences revealed in this population: in their presentation, retention in residential treatment and their outcomes following treatment. Data are drawn from several years of research at Foundations Recovery Network residential facilities. Implications for practice will be reviewed including specific attention to the role of length of stay in young adults. Learning objectives: Identify key components of outcome-informed treatment, Identify differentiating characteristics in young adults, identify factors impacting treatment retention in younger adults and the role of length of stay, demonstrate actual one-year outcomes post-treatment in young adults and review implications for designing and implementing effective treatment practices

## **Biography**

Siobhan A Morse holds a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from Florida International University where she later taught and coordinated research projects including an NIMH demonstration project, USDOE evaluations, local evaluations of at-risk youth. She pioneered the use of report card technologies in report card on the status of children's services in dade county. She has also conducted over 100 clinical trials major pharmaceutical companies investigating new and promising treatments. She holds her certifications as an ARISE Interventionist and as a Master Addiction Counselor

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