

## **Waste, Fraud and Abuse**

For clarification purposes, SAMHSA/CSAT requires that the ATR grantees ensure the prevention, detection, and recoupment grant funds expended in a manner that constitute waste, fraud, or abuse of federal funds. The SAMHSA/CSAT definitions of these terms are listed below:

**Waste** – Services not rendered or client outcomes not achieved in a cost-effective manner.

**Fraud** – Intentional deception or representation of deliberate falsehood, with the hope of personal benefit.

**Abuse** – Provider actions that violate sound professional, financial, or business practices in a way that harms a client or increases program costs. Client behaviors that generate waste or unnecessary costs also may be abuse.