

OUTCOMES

ASAP Strategic Focus Area Emerging Trends and the State's Capacity to Respond

MISSION: Identify emerging trends and enhance the state's capacity to monitor substance abuse trends and behavior in order to respond to the needs of families and communities affected by substance abuse.

STRUCTURAL NEED

Problem #1: Insufficient structures and resources to monitor drug and alcohol trends in the general population, especially among relevant specialty populations.

Goal: Direct resources to develop drug-abuse monitoring systems to provide current data and data analysis on emerging trends and behavior in the general population.

Responsible Agency: ASAP will provide direction to partner agencies to include those identified as having current drug abuse-monitoring mechanisms, and the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group and its Emerging Issues Subcommittee.

Action Steps:

1. Provide a drug abuse-forecasting report as it pertains to substance abuse prevention, treatment and intervention capacity to the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.

Current and Completed Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Emerging Issues Subcommittee is in the process of developing a survey that will be sent to a different state agency each quarter in order to assess the substance abuse patterns/trends seen in the agency's population served. Agency personnel will be directed to complete the survey about their particular specialty population (e.g., ADHS substance abuse	Draft survey completed.	09/08	5/09 Survey was sent out.

treatment providers will complete the survey on the drug use patterns seen in their clientele; ADJC staff will complete the survey on youth in secure care) or to have their clientele complete the survey.			
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2. Continue efforts to replicate the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) for communities outside the Maricopa County/Phoenix metropolitan area in Arizona.

Completed Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes
Development of data collection strategy, implementation plan, and budget for statewide expansion.	Preliminary scope estimates for all major county-level adult intake facilities in Arizona.
Presentation to Meth Task Force and ACJC	Expressed interest and support for statewide implementation of AARIN.
Presentation of project and submitted budget proposal to Pima County.	Officials within Pima County have continued to express interest, but have been unable to secure sufficient funding.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Continued data collection in Maricopa County.	Maricopa County Board of Supervisors continue to support AARIN data collection.	January 2007	Ongoing (contracted through June 2009)

PROTECTIVE AND RESILIENCY FACTORS IN PREVENTION

Problem #2: Program and policy initiatives emerging from the State do not always reflect comprehensive or inclusive strategies that involve parents, youth, communities, consumers and policymakers.

Goal: Enlist parents, youth, communities, consumers and policymakers in the development of evidence-based prevention strategies that can adequately respond to emerging trends related to substance abuse.

Responsible Agency: ASAP will provide direction and coordinate with youth-serving agencies, such as the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. GOCYF and state agencies will indicate the need for coalitions/subgrantees to involve parents, communities and policymakers in the development of prevention strategies in its Requests for Grant Proposals.

Action Steps:

1. Program and policy initiatives will reflect the need to respond to both risk and protective factors in the substance-abusing population.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Benchmark data elements to assess the risk and protective factors of substance abuse prevalence and consequence data in communities will be developed by GOCYF-DSAP staff.	Set of risk and protective factors to be assessed when developing program and policy initiatives established.	11/08	Planned completion 6/09.

2. Programs and policies will utilize evidence-based resiliency strategies that protect young people from substance abuse onset or risky behavior.
3. Provide local communities with data on emerging drug abuse behavior at the neighborhood level.

Current and Completed Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
A "Spotlight" report on a	Draft "Spotlight" report	09/08	Prescription

new issue will be completed each quarter by the Emerging Issues Subcommittee, with the first focusing on prescription drug abuse.	completed.		Drug Spotlight Report completed 5/09.
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4. Establish, when appropriate, communication to media that informs the general public about emerging drug abuse trends that pose a threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Arizona.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Press releases on the release of “Spotlight” reports to be created by GOCYF- DSAP staff.	Public informed of emerging trend “Spotlight” reports that inform them of potential emerging drug abuse trends of interest to them and their communities.	09/08	Ongoing

5. Prevention programs and policies will include a strategy designed to monitor and respond to emerging drug abuse threats.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
“Spotlight” reports issues by the Emerging Issues Subcommittee will assess drug abuse trends using benchmarks developed by the committee and/or GOCYF- DSAP staff.	Emerging drug abuse threats monitored for patterns and “hot spot” areas in the state.	09/08	Ongoing quarterly reports to be provided following the first release in 5/09.

Problem #3: Community-based organizations and local coalitions lack capacity to capture emerging drug abuse trends and behavior and to determine what mechanism should be used to report those trends to relevant agencies.

Goal: Conduct training to equip local coalitions and community-based organizations to identify emerging drug abuse trends in their communities.

Responsible Agency: ASAP, Division for Substance Abuse Policy, Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group and its Emerging Issues Subcommittee, Workforce Development Committee.

Action Steps:

1. Require state-funded grants to community-based organizations, coalitions and agencies to utilize a reporting mechanism that includes emerging drug abuse trends in local communities where appropriate.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Benchmark data elements to assess substance abuse prevalence and consequence data in communities have been developed by GOCYF-DSAP staff for reporting by SPF SIG and anti-Methamphetamine coalitions.	Data on emerging drug abuse trends reported by community-based organizations, coalitions and agencies receiving state dollars.	11/08	Ongoing

- Utilize prevention strategies that move beyond drug-specific responses to more comprehensive protective strategies.

Current Activity

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
Benchmark data elements to assess the risk and protective factors associated with substance abuse prevalence and consequence data in communities will be developed.	Factors known to be correlated with substance abuse behavior will be available for measurement/monitoring at the county/community level to assess the risk and protection that is indicative of the communities' ability to combat all forms of substance abuse.	09/08	6/09

Completed Action Steps

- Conduct coalition training on how to utilize diverse measures to capture emerging drug abuse behavior in local communities.

Actions Taken	Outcomes	Start Date	End Date
SPF SIG and anti-Methamphetamine coalitions will be given TA on reporting on the above-mentioned benchmarks at a coalition forum.	Coalitions trained in finding data in their communities and from other data sources, including how to utilize this information to assess emerging drug abuse behavior and apply for grant funding to prevent substance abuse in their communities.	10/08	Complete