



Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

Reports

2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*

2008 *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*

Substance Abuse Treatment Services Capacity Report

2007 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*

2007 *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*

2005 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*

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Background and Authority

The Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group was established in 2004 as a requirement of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) received by Arizona from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). Staffed by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families—Division for Substance Abuse Policy; the Work Group is composed of statisticians, data analysts, academics, holders of key datasets, and other key stakeholders from various state and federal agencies, tribal entities, private and non-profit substance abuse-related organizations, and universities who collaborate and advise on the compilation of the *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* and other reports. The Work Group is responsible for continuously evaluating data related to substance abuse, its associated consequences, and the available resources to move the state system through a data-driven decision-making process.

The Work Group has released a comprehensive, informative, and functional profile of substance abuse patterns in the state for use by coalitions, agencies and individuals in relevant fields in 2005, 2007 and 2009. This information will help the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) devise strategies and solutions to drug and alcohol issues. The Work Group also provides a condensed snapshot of the profile for policy-makers on a yearly basis.

Outcomes

- Arizona awarded the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup subcontract from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [administered by Synectics, Inc.].
- Produced the state's first *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* in 2005.
- In fall 2007, released an updated *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* highlighting trends and new data that shed light on substance abuse in Arizona.
- Released 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*, the most comprehensive Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile to date.
- In 2007 and 2008, released an abbreviated profile, entitled *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*.
- In 2008, in response to Executive Order 2008-01 prioritizing families in the child welfare system for substance abuse treatment services, released *Substance Abuse Treatment Services Capacity Report*.

Activities

- Conducts analyses of individual substance abuse issues and responds to ad hoc data requests.
- Will release the 2011 version of *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*.
- Future versions of the *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* will include behavioral health indicators heretofore not included (e.g., psychological distress, depression).