

Calvert County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (SB 194)
Strategic Plan for Calvert County (FY 2006-2008)
Submitted to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, DHMH, State of MD

VISION: A Safe and Drug Free Calvert County

MISSION: To reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and its consequences to affected individuals, their families and Calvert County.

GOAL 1: Raise public awareness in Calvert County about substance use and abuse among its citizens and the negative effects upon family and community life.

Objective 1. Adopt a “universal” public awareness campaign that reaches all Calvert residents and is supported by multiple agencies in Calvert County.

Objective 2. Develop “selective” educational programs that target at risk Calvert residents and implement them in strategic locations to best reach youth and their families.

Objective 3. Create a formal mechanism through which all prevention related agencies, providers, and groups might coordinate their activities.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: Reduce rates of first-time use of illicit substances by adolescents or adults, underage use of alcohol and tobacco; reduce the overall incidence and use of alcohol and drugs among youth in middle and high school; reduce incidence of highway related accident and fatalities related to substance abuse.

MEASURE: Reported first time use of illicit and other drugs (MD Adolescent Survey, National Household Survey); use in last 30 days by grade level (MD Adolescent Survey); incidence of accident and fatality (MD State Police traffic records).

GOAL 2: Develop an integrated system’s strategy for youth intervention.

Objective 1. Enhance and develop the role of Maryland Student Assistance Program (MSAP), seek funding to enhance this partnership between the secondary schools and Calvert Substance Abuse Services.

Objective 2. Adopt and support implementation of “indicated” and “best practice” programs in youth serving agencies that reach youth already involved in substance use and other high-risk behavior.

Objective 3. Encourage and support the partnership between parents and community groups and public youth serving agencies.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: Increase referrals to MSAP/CSAS, reduce incidence of in school and out-of-school suspensions related to substance abuse; reduced CDS and other criminal changes related to substance use/abuse among youth.

MEASURE: Number of MSAP/CSAS referrals (CSAS records), number of in-school and out-of-school suspensions (Board of Education), number of juvenile CDS and other arrests by drug type (Sheriff’s Dept. & MD State Police).

GOAL 3: Develop and sustain a full continuum of substance treatment services that are accessible and affordable to all Calvert residents.

Objective 1. Support efforts to ensure that Calvert adult residents have access to affordable and appropriate residential treatment.

Objective 2. Educate and recruit physicians willing to work with buprenorphine and other pharmaceutical interventions.

Objective 3. Support funding and operation of an adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: All residents seeking treatment will have access and financial support (if needed) to multiple levels of care as defined by the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

MEASURE: Number and variety of treatment slots to match projected need (ADAA).

GOAL 4: Complete and full collaboration among community entities (primary and secondary) that serve substance abusers.

Objective 1. Create a systems wide coordination and training collaborative that meets at least quarterly to address drug and alcohol abuse (may be a sub committee of the Drug & Alcohol Council).

Objective 2. Initiate an inter agency coalition that meets monthly to share referral information, updates and progress on strategic plan to the community (bring in as many agencies as possible).

Objective 3. Seek funding and in-kind support to sponsor a local training initiative that is multi-disciplinary and ongoing.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: Multi-agency participation in county wide collaborative efforts.

MEASURE: Membership in and attendance to the training collaborative or inter-agency coalition that is to be defined (Meeting Minutes).

GOAL 5: Create a supplemental system of family focused wrap around services to support those families afflicted with substance abuse.

Objective 1. Develop gender sensitive prevention, intervention, and treatment services in all agencies that provide these services.

Objective 2. Make accessible mental health services to substance abusers.

Objective 3. Create seamless referral path to other social services i.e. housing, vocational, educational, and other.

Objective 4. Ensure public health education and referral (HIV and AIDS) in agencies that provide substance abuse services.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: Increased in overall well being in psychiatric, health, employment, vocational, and substance abuse.

MEASURE: Improvement in these areas as reported in SAMIS (ADAA).

GOAL 6: Develop the role of the Criminal Justice system in the delivery of intervention and treatment services.

Objective 1. Support the local juvenile drug court. Provide in-kind services, funding, and other resources to sustain the operation of a local juvenile drug court.

Objective 2. Provide technical assistance, training, and other expertise specific to substance abuse assessment, intervention and treatment to the local detention center, the Sheriffs Office, and the MD State Police Barrack in Calvert County.

Objective 3. Develop a full continuum of substance abuse services in the local detention center.

PERFORMANCE TARGET: Reduce recidivism among youthful and adult offenders whose criminal activity is related to substance abuse.

MEASURE: Reduction in re-arrests rates for youth and adult substance-abuse offenders in Calvert County as reported in SAMIS (ADAA) and other public records (States Attorney's Office).