

Cecil County Alcohol and Drug Council Initial Plan

Vision: A community free from substance abuse and dependence.

Mission: To reduce substance abuse and dependence and related consequences through development and implementation of a plan, strategies and priorities for meeting the identified needs of the general public, and the criminal justice system for alcohol and drug evaluation, prevention and treatment services.

Goal 1: Establish an integrated continuum of adult substance abuse treatment services that will be accessible to the residents of Cecil County.

Objective A: Extend residential treatment services (20 additional beds) for individuals with substance abuse disorders.

Measure: Reduce the number of clients on the waiting list at the A.F. Whitsitt Center for Inpatient Care by 50%.

Objective B: Restore funding for Purchase of Care Program for detoxification services.

Measure: Restore the 20% of funding for Purchase of Care Program that was eliminated in the FY 2006 allocation.

Objective C: Expand transitional housing services for individuals in need of ongoing long-term substance abuse care to include services for women and women with children.

Measure: Establish additional transitional housing services.

Objective D: Enhance existing outpatient substance abuse treatment to allow for increased intensity and contact with clients referred through the criminal justice system.

Measure: Expand staffing, space and related resources (at the Cecil County Health Department, Cecil County Detention Center and Community Adult Rehabilitation Center Unit) for the provision of substance abuse services

Objective E: Establish non-hospital crisis intervention services for individuals experiencing mental health crises with or without coexisting substance abuse concerns.

Measure: Complete a feasibility study for non-hospital crisis intervention services.

Performance Target: Improve access for Cecil County residents to integrated treatment services.

Goal 2: Establish and enhance resources and programs to address the substance abuse concerns among individuals referred by the criminal justice system.

Objective A: Explore the feasibility of a Drug Court through the Cecil County Circuit Court.

Measure: Complete feasibility study for a Circuit Court Drug Court.

Objective B: Maintain jail-based treatment services at the Cecil County Detention Center and Community Adult Rehabilitation Center Units.

Measure: Maintain 45 treatment slots at the Cecil County Detention Center and Community Adult Rehabilitation Center Units.

Objective C: Explore the feasibility of a Re-Entry Drug Court for offenders serving sentences at the Cecil County Detention Center and Community Adult Rehabilitation Center Units.

Measure: Complete feasibility study for a Re-Entry Drug Court.

Performance Target: Improved substance abuse related resources for individuals involved with the criminal justice system.

Goal 3: Establish an integrated continuum of substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services that will be accessible to the adolescents and families of Cecil County.

Objective A: Extend residential treatment services (10 additional beds or 10% of adolescents in treatment) for individuals with substance abuse disorders.

Measure: Reduce the number of adolescents referred outside of the county for inpatient treatment.

Objective B: Establish education and counseling services in the county including case management for the families of substance abusing adolescents.

Measure: Establish services for the families of adolescents in substance abuse treatment.

Objective C: Use appropriate evidenced-based prevention programs in all settings.

Measure: Reduce the prevalence of substance abuse among adolescents as evidenced by the Maryland Adolescent Survey, Department of Juvenile Justice referrals and school suspensions related to substance abuse.

Objective D: Establish non-hospital crisis intervention services for individuals experiencing mental health crises with or without coexisting substance abuse concerns.

Measure: Complete a feasibility study for non-hospital crisis intervention services.

Performance Target: Improve access for Cecil County adolescents and their families to integrated prevention, intervention and treatment services.

Goal 4: Educate and assist families in Cecil County to live healthy and drug free lives.

Objective A: Increase awareness among healthcare providers as to the importance of screening their patients for substance abuse as well as resources for treatment and intervention in the community.

Measure: Increase the percentage (to 100%) of healthcare providers who routinely screen and refer patients experiencing substance abuse concerns.

Objective B: Utilize environmental strategies to change individual and community norms.

Measure: Reduce the prevalence of high risk substance abusing behaviors among residents as indicated the Cecil County Community Health Survey and Maryland Adolescent Survey.

Performance Target: Increased awareness of substance abuse related concerns among Cecil County residents.