

DORCHESTER COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL

2005 Plan

Vision:

A safe and drug free Dorchester County

Mission:

To reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and its consequences to affected individuals, their families and all other Dorchester County residents.

Goal 1: Develop and maintain a broad and consistent mechanism for the reduction of underage drinking and tobacco use.

- Objective 1: Establish a baseline survey of ease of access to alcohol and tobacco products to underage youth.
- Objective 2: Increase annual number of youth access enforcements in each related place of business within the county.
- Objective 3: Increase annual number of shoulder-tap enforcements within the county.
- Objective 4: Increase annual number of underage party disbursements/enforcements within the county.
- Objective 5: Establish protocol and policies for tracing back to the seller and prosecuting in incidents in which someone is critically injured or killed by an underage drinker.

Performance Target: Reduce the number of underage users of alcohol and tobacco products in Dorchester County.

Measure: Number of prosecutions.

Goal 2: Educate and assist families of Dorchester County to live healthy and drug free lives.

- Objective 1: Use appropriate evidence -based prevention programs in all settings.
- Objective 2: Increase the effectiveness of prevention activities by targeting direct interventions to children whose parents are in drug treatment or incarcerated.
- Objective 3: Utilize evidence-based environmental strategies to change individual and community norms.

Performance Target: Reduce the overall incidence of first use of substances among youth ages 11 – 17.

Measure: Number of new users.

Goal 3: Develop, Implement, & Evaluate an Adult Drug Court program.

Objective 1: Organize, energize, and mobilize community resources to support and actualize an Adult Drug Court program.

Objective 2: Establish standard screening, assessment and referral protocols for program implementation.

Objective 3: Evaluate program effectiveness on an ongoing basis and modify and refine as needed.

Performance Target: Reduce the number of individuals recycling through the court and prison system

Measure: Reduction in arrests and incarcerations.

Goal 4: Increase the detection of unidentified substance abusers and the number of treatment referrals within the county.

Objective 1: Expand the use of drug testing in order to improve the detection and monitoring of drug use among service recipients in allied health and human service community agencies (e.g., DSS/Temporary Cash Assistance, Circuit Court, Transitional Housing for Homeless, etc.)

Objective 2: Implement a standardized brief screening protocol to assist allied community health and human services agencies in identifying and referring potential substance abusers for assessment by certified addiction providers.

Objective 3: Increase the frequency with which mental health treatment providers identify and refer patients with co-occurring substance use disorders to certified drug and alcohol health/treatment services.

Performance Target: Increase the number of individuals identified and referred for substance abuse/dependence treatment by community health and human service agencies by 10%.

Measure: Primary Source of Referral, Item 9, in Substance Abuse Management Information System.