

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Priority Area / Action for “Next Step”

Vision: A safe and drug free Garrett County

Mission: To assist in promoting treatment, intervention and prevention services to those people affected by alcohol and other drug abuse in Garrett County.

Priority Area:

Goal 2: Identify and move individuals to the appropriate level of care. (Intervention)

Objective 2: Develop and maintain timely and appropriate assessment, referral and placement services.

Objective 3: Expand current types of intervention services.

Many patients in need of treatment are not accessing treatment due to family issues and stigma surrounding treatment. The upgrading of a counselor position to a Master’s level clinician who will work with prospective clients and families will ameliorate the stigma and facilitate the initiation of the family into treatment. In addition a community education campaign will target those persons who are in need of treatment but have yet to be identified through the court system, thus increasing referrals.

Steps:

- Hire and train an “Intervention Specialist” to work with families in the community and facilitate treatment
- Provide in-the-community intervention services
- Market services more aggressively in the community

Intended Measurable Outcomes: (specific estimated result of the change)

Outcomes:

- Increase the number of referrals by 10%
- Increase the percentage of clients who complete treatment by 10%

Connection to identified targeted outcomes from Initial Strategic Plan:

- **Identify and move individuals to the appropriate level of care.**
- **Increase recovery rates in adults and adolescents through effective treatment.**

Budget:

Priority Action Area	Current Funding Amount	Current Source of Funding	Amount of Funding Increase Needed	Source(s) of funding needed to accomplish priority	Anticipated Increase in # of Slots and # to be served
Expand current types of intervention services (Upgrade position from A/D Counselor Supervised to A/D Professional Counselor	\$47,846	ADAA	\$13,929	ADAA	Maintain current # of slots at 161, Increase # served by 24
Market services more aggressively in the community via community education initiative	\$0	ADAA	\$10,000	ADAA	Maintain current # of slots, increase # served by 24