

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
STRATEGIC PLAN
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

2012 – 2014

July, 2012 Update

VISION

A healthy, safe, drug-free Queen Anne's County for all citizens.

MISSION

To ensure the availability of high quality behavioral health services and education across the continuum of prevention, intervention, and treatment resources for all citizens of Queen Anne's County.

GOAL #1

(Treatment)

Ensure the availability of the appropriate level of care for all citizens of Queen Anne's County in need of substance abuse/dependence treatment.

Objective #1:

Sustain the current levels of service within the jurisdiction.

TARGET: Queen Anne's County will have available for its citizens the current level of substance abuse/dependency treatment including assessment, Level I and Level II.1 treatment services, services for those with Co-occurring Disorders, and, as appropriate, referrals to higher levels of care.

Objective #2:

Restore availability of inpatient detoxification and residential treatment on demand (approximately 10 slots for such care) by identifying additional funding sources to include adequate capacity for adolescents and those with concurrent psychiatric and substance use disorders.

TARGET: Restore ability to provide approximately 265 Intermediate Care Facility bed days (dependent upon volume needed for detox)

Objective #3:

Continue to develop community resources designed to facilitate referrals for and access to supportive, sober housing to enhance the individual's opportunity to engage in and sustain a recovering lifestyle (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care).

TARGET: Play a leadership role in the development of sober housing programs in and around the jurisdiction (e.g., Oxford Houses).

Estimated Dollar amount needed (or received) to accomplish goal: **\$56,000**

July, 2012 Update: Current service levels being maintained with grant funds and fee collections. Funds were available to purchase ICF bed days. Recovery Housing (2) now available in our jurisdiction; contract with one in place and being utilized.

Goal #2

(Prevention)

Reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and its consequences to affected individuals, their families, and all Queen Anne's County residents

Objective #1:

Utilize available data to identify pockets of need of greatest need within Queen Anne's County

TARGET: Use Behavioral Risk Factor Survey tool (annually) to compare data regarding substance use among our youth. Improve use rates (reduce abuse of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana among 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders.

Objective #2:

Define approaches to address the historical concern regarding binge-drinking rates among Queen Anne's County youth.

TARGET: Reduce Binge drinking rates by 5% among the targeted population.

Objective #3:

Enhance community awareness of the consequences related to social hosting for under-age youth.

TARGET: Use local resources (e.g., Chesapeake Helps) to conduct telephone surveys regarding community awareness of Social Hosting Laws and Penalties. Publish results and provide relevant education for parents and students.

Estimated Dollar amount needed (or received) to accomplish goal: **\$40,000**

July 2012 Update: As of this writing, telephone surveys have not been conducted (by Chesapeake HELPS) regarding community awareness of social hosting laws and penalties. Nothing has been published, because the surveys were not done.

GOAL #3

(Intervention)

Partner with appropriate community entities to reinforce the “No Use is the Norm” message for under-age alcohol use.

Objective #1:

Decrease availability of alcohol by partnering with appropriate authorities to establish guidelines and procedures for imposing graduated sanctions on businesses cited for selling alcohol to minors.

TARGET: Identify regional Best Practices among Eastern Shore counties related to sales to minors along with authority for establishing sanctions (i.e., state vs. local authority). Partner with local groups, e.g. Sheriff, State Police, Liquor Board, local Restaurant owners, to educate and inform.

Objective #2:

Support an increase in the productivity of liquor inspection personnel (currently 0.5 FTE).

TARGET: Increase the number and frequency of unannounced inspections. Reduce the percentage of businesses cited for selling alcohol to minors by 25%.

Objective #3:

Research and identify promising programs that utilize volunteers to monitor alcohol sales to minors. Review the program needs in regards to legal issues, training requirements, guidelines, safety, cost and effectiveness). Make a determination as to the best program (if any) to meet the needs of Queen Anne's County.

TARGET: Identify at least 5 known programs across the Country and review them at the Drug and Alcohol Council. Council will make a decision on if/when to implement a particular program by June 2012.

Estimated Dollar amount needed (or received) to accomplish goal: **\$50,000**

July 2012 Update: As of this writing, 5 known programs have not been identified and/or reviewed by the D/A Council. However, efforts continue to work cooperatively with local liquor board to identify ways to reduce under-age access to alcohol in our county. Said efforts are yielding positive results.