

Strategic Plan for Prevention, Intervention, & Treatment

Of

Substance Use/Abuse

In

Queen Anne's County

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

MISSION: To ensure the availability of appropriate prevention, intervention, and treatment resources for all sectors of the community.

A. **PREVENTION GOAL:** Increase the practice of an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug free healthy lifestyle for children, youth, and adults in Queen Anne's County.

Objective #1: Strengthen the awareness and understanding among children and adults about the harmful health and social effects associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, using evidenced-based educational methods.

Objective #2: Increase and sustain individual, family, and community norms unfavorable to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, using evidence-based community mobilization prevention frameworks.

Objective #3: Improve access and utilization of effective prevention programming by children and youth at greater risk for substance use due to family risk factors.

Performance Target: Reductions in per capita drunk driving, illegal substance use, prescription drug misuse, tobacco use, and drug/alcohol related crime.

Measures: DWI/DUI arrest and conviction rates; alcohol/ tobacco citations (for youth); arrests and convictions for substance use/ prescription misuse; arrests and convictions for drug/alcohol related crime; Maryland Adolescent Survey (measures ATOD use for students in Grades 6, 8, 10, and 12).

B. INTERVENTION GOAL: Increase ATOD abstinence among youth and adults who are at high risk for addiction.

Objective #1: Ensure that high risk youth and adults are assessed for ATOD use/abuse or who participate in early intervention ATOD programs.

Objective #2: Participate in local effort to study the need for and implementation of a Juvenile Drug Court program.

Performance Target: Increase the number of adolescents who are referred for assessment and treatment.

Measure: The number of parents who give permission for assessment pursuant to Student Assistance Program identification.

C. TREATMENT GOAL: Develop a system of treatment that ensures timely and appropriate placement of patients based on ASI & ASAM criteria.

Objective #1: Increase inpatient detoxification and residential treatment slots to include adequate capacity for adolescents and those with concurrent psychiatric and substance use disorders.

Objective #2: Ensure access to transportation for all patients involved in any level of care.

Performance Target: Reduce the number of addicted Queen Anne's County residents.

Measure: Percentage of drug dependent Queen Anne's County residents placed at a level of care consistent with ASI / ASAM criteria within 72 hours of identified need.

D. INFRASTRUCTURE GOAL: Continue to develop clinical staff sufficient to a diverse, multi-level system of service delivery.

Objective #1: Ensure availability of staff qualified and credentialed to work with increasing numbers of adolescent substance abusers.

Objective #2: Enhance staff development by appropriate training and credentialing.

Performance Target: Attract and retain qualified adolescent substance abuse counselors.

Measure: Number of adolescent counselors.