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**SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE**

Vision: A safe and drug free Somerset County

Mission: To reduce the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and its consequences to affected individuals, their families, and Somerset County.

Goal I: Educate and assist families of Somerset County to live healthy and drug free lives.

Objective I: Use appropriate evidence-based prevention programs in all settings

Objective II: Increase the effectiveness of prevention activities by targeting direct interventions to Somerset County children, including but not limited to those whose parents are in drug treatment or incarcerated.

Objective III: Utilize evidence-based 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 II: Develop and maintain an accessible community system of intervention and treatment services.

Objective I: Develop standard screening, assessment and referral protocols for all public human services and law enforcement agencies.

Objective II: Develop and maintain screening, assessment, referral and placement services for all Somerset County residents.

Performance Target: Increase the number of individuals accessing substance abuse treatment services.

Measure: Percentage of population in need accessing treatment services.

Goal III: Development and maintain an integrated continuum of efficient and effective treatment services.

Objective I: Explore the development of intensive outpatient treatment services for adolescents.

Objective II: Develop case monitoring and continuing care capacity.

Objective III: Develop treatment programs that specifically address the cultural diversity within the county.

Objective IV: Initiate programs designed to be more effective with the adolescent substance abuser such as equine assisted therapy.

Performance Target: Reduce the number of addicted individuals in Somerset County.

Measure: Number of addicted individuals.