

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

**Priority Areas/Actions for “Next Step”  
New Services**

**Priority Area #1:** Develop an adolescent drug court.

**Action Plan:**

- Identify need, **completed on 12/9/04.**
- Establish an adolescent drug court steering council with the following membership, **completed on 12/9/2004.**
  - Circuit Judge(s), States Attorney, Public Defender, Director of Adolescent Treatment Provider, County Treatment Coordinator, Director of Local Department of Juvenile Services, Adolescent Addiction Counselor, Director of Local Management Board, and Representative of the County’s Board of Education, Sheriff’s Department and City Police.
- Develop goal and objectives, **completed on 6/16/2004.**
- Schedule an informational session for the adolescent drug court steering council, **completed on 2/10/05.**
- Visit adolescent drug court, **completed on 8/11/2005.**
- Schedule a session of drug court trainings for the steering council, **implemented on 2/24/2006 and on going.**
- Develop a mission and statement, goals and objectives, **completed 3/16/2006.**
- Develop program standard operation procedures, **scheduled for 4/28/2006.**
- Determine staffing patterns, **scheduled for 4/28/2006.**
- Determine budget, **scheduled for 5/8/2006.**
- Identify potential sources of funding, **scheduled for 5/8/2006.**
- Submit for funding, **scheduled for 5/8/2006.**
- Implement adolescent drug court, **schedule for 11/2006.**

**Intended Measurable Outcomes:**

Goal 1: Expedite the formal processing of adolescent offenders to facilitate timely treatment services.

Goal 2: Reduce re-offending

Goal 3: Reduce substance use and the frequency of non-community based treatment.

Goal 4: Increase the level of educational, vocational, and family functioning.

In effort to achieve these goals the following objectives are set:

1. 80% of the participants will received a drug and alcohol assessment within two weeks of the referral from DJS.  
Measure: Number of program participants receiving their assessment with two weeks of the referral from DJS.
2. 75% of the drug court participant will not re-offend during program participation.  
Measure: Number of participants committing new offenses.
3. 50% of the drug court participants will successful complete substance abuse treatment within 12 months of admission.  
Measure: Number of participants that successfully complete their treatment experience within 12 months of admission

4. 80% of all drug court participants will be in school or employed as well as working with the family intervention specialist in an over all effort to improve their quality of life.  
Measure: Number of participants that are enrolled in school or employed.

**Connection to identified targeted outcomes from Initial Strategic Plan:**

**Goal 4:**

Reduce juvenile alcohol and other substance use, abuse and dependency while increasing public safety.

**Objective 1:**

Expedite the formal processing of juvenile alcohol and drug offenders to facilitate timely treatment services for adolescents.

**Objective 2:**

Reduce alcohol and substance use, abuse and dependency among drug court participants.

**Objective 3:**

Reduce delinquency behavior among drug court participants.

**Objective 4:**

Increase Washington County’s capacity to identify information about alcohol and substance abusing adolescents in order to respond to youth, family, and community concerns.

**Performance Targets:**

1. Reduction in criminal recidivism.
2. Reduction in resumed alcohol and drug use.
3. Increase retention in treatment.

**Measures:**

1. Number of repeat juvenile offenders.
2. Frequency of use at discharge.
3. Number of successful completions.

**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
Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Treatment w/ a Family Invention Specialist component	None	None	1 <sup>st</sup> yr. \$221,542 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. \$180,826 (see detailed budget worksheet attached)	ADAA	15/15 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. 9/24 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.
Adolescent Drug Court	\$107,138 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. \$150,744 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.	Pending Pending	\$0	Administrative Office of Courts	15/15 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. 9/24 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.

**Priority Area #2:** Educate substance abuse and domestic violence agencies involved in assessment and treatment and the community about the correlation between family violence and substance abuse.

**Action Plan:**

- Establish a networking forum of agencies involved in domestic violence and substance abuse assessment and treatment. This group was convened October 19, 2005 and January 26, 2006 and included judicial, law enforcement, and substance abuse and domestic violence providers.
- Organize a half-day community conference to further the education efforts. Amelia Arria from the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) has agreed to be the conference presenter. Tentative conference date is in the fall of 2006. A local facility has been contacted to request conference space availability.
- Conduct a public information campaign through public service announcements to educate the community about the correlation between domestic violence and substance abuse.
- Create an informational brochure for the local judiciary about the intervention resources available for individuals/families coming before the court due to domestic violence especially when substance abuse is involved. Work on this document has already begun.

**Intended Measurable Outcomes:**

There will be a reduction in the number of individuals/families coming in contact with law enforcement and appearing before the local judiciary where substance abuse was a contributing factor to the domestic violence.

**Measures:**

Review of the Washington Family Violence Council quarterly statistics of incidents of domestic violence incidents involving substance use/abuse.

**Connection to identified targeted outcomes from Initial Strategic Plan:**

**Goal 2:**

Reduce overall incidents of Family Violence.

**Objective 1:**

Educate community and agencies regarding the correlation between family violence and substance abuse.

**Objective 2:**

Encourage referral and utilization of effective treatment interventions for individuals involved in family violence and substance abuse.

**Objective 3:**

Increase collaborative efforts between judiciary, family violence and substance abuse service providers.

**Performance Target:**

1. Establish a networking forum of agencies involved in domestic violence and substance abuse assessment and treatment.
2. Create an informational tool of domestic violence and substance abuse providers and services to assist the local judiciary in adjudication.
3. Review the Washington County Family Violence Council statistics on a quarterly basis to assess the family violence and related substance abuse incidents

**Measures:**

1. Attendance at networking forums.
2. Production and disbursement of the informational tool.
3. Receipt of quarterly reports of family violence incidence and report of the status of family violence in Washington County to the Drug and Alcohol Advisory members.

**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
Educate substance abuse and domestic violence agencies involved in assessment and treatment and the community about the correlation between family violence and substance abuse.	None	None	\$50,000	ADAA	N/A