

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

***Vision***

To eliminate substance use and mental health related problems in the community by establishing model programs in partnership with other community agencies.

***Mission***

To provide a comprehensive continuum of services to all persons affected by substance abuse and mental health issues regardless of age, ethnic background and/or financial status.

***Goal 1:***

Reduce Family Violence

***Objective 1:***

Enhanced understanding of the correlation between family violence and substance abuse.

***Objective 2:***

Implementation of best practice interventions.

***Objective 3:***

Enhance collaboration among family violence & substance abuse service providers

***Objective 4:***

Enhanced collaboration between the judiciary and local family violence and substance abuse providers.

***Performance Target:***

***Measures:***

***Goal 2:***

Educate on the existence of dual diagnosis individuals and the severity of their issues

***Objective 1:***

Engage local addiction and mental health agencies

***Objective 2:***

Educate and engage the criminal justice system

***Objective 3:***

Inform medical professionals (ie. ER, doctors, pharmacists)

***Objective 4:***

Educate the community, specifically families and schools

**Performance Target:** Increase community awareness

**Measures:** Effective communication among professional and the general community

**Goal 3:**

Identify and establish resources and services for individuals suffering with extensive mental health, addiction and criminal problems.

**Objective 1:**

Provide a continuity of care

**Objective 2:**

Make smooth transition from controlled facility to community, which includes continuation of medication

**Objective 3:**

Regulate consistent urinalysis as a tool to monitor abstinence

**Objective 4:**

Provide family education and services

**Objective 5:**

Provide structured care opportunities for stated individuals such as halfway houses

**Performance Target:** Increase options for dually diagnosed individuals with extensive histories

**Measures:** Increase the number of referrals/placements for those individuals

**Goal 4:**

To reduce juvenile alcohol and other substance abuse and increase public safety.

**Objective 1:**

To expedite the formal processing of juvenile alcohol and drug offenders so youth can receive timely treatment services.

**Objective 2:**

Reduce alcohol and substance abuse among drug court participants.

**Objective 3:**

To increase the number of juveniles and their families receiving a risk assessment and mental screening at the Department Juvenile Services intake

**Objective 4:**

Reduce delinquency behavior among drug court participants

***Objective 5:***

To increase Washington County's capacity to identify information about alcohol and substance abusing youth in order to respond to youth, family, and community concerns.

***Performance Targets:***

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

***Measure:***

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

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