

Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework (MSPF)

Mission: To implement a comprehensive substance abuse prevention planning process, build and sustain a cross-system prevention data infrastructure, and expand state and local capacity for the provision of effective and culturally competent substance abuse prevention services.

Purpose: The overarching goals of the project are to:

- 1) prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking;
- 2) reduce substance abuse-related problems; and
- 3) build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State-and community-levels.

To accomplish these goals, MSPF will help communities across Maryland:

- Implement the five-step SPF planning process at the State- and community-level;
- Build sustainability and cultural competence into each of the five steps of the process;
- Implement evidence-based and culturally competent prevention programs, policies and practices based on epidemiological analysis/needs assessment;
- Evaluate results and communicate them to policymakers and the public;
- Efficiently coordinate multiple streams of prevention funding in order to achieve the targeted outcomes linked to each funding source, and maintain accountability; and
- Achieve changes in the substance abuse related problems, consumption patterns, and causal factors selected at the State- and community-level.

The Maryland Drug and Alcohol Advisory Council (DAAC) will form the MSPF Advisory Committee (SPFAC) as one of its work groups. The SPFAC will provide ongoing guidance and implement the three workgroups responsible for accomplishing the required steps of the SPF:

(1) **SEOW**— guides the development of a state-of-the-art empirically-based system for monitoring indicators of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug consumption and consequences. The SEOW oversees the collection, interpretation, and dissemination of data through a variety of reports; conducts Statewide needs assessments to identify service gaps and priority needs; measures progress and outcomes; performs epidemiological analyses and GIS mapping to identify underserved geographic areas and target populations with substance-related health disparities.

(2) **EBP Implementation Workgroup**—will prepare an inventory of existing EBPs at the State and national level, and develop and/or approve policies, programs, practices and plans under which sub-recipients will operate, in accordance with CSAP's "*Identifying and Selecting Evidence-Based Interventions*" document and other CSAP guidance.

(3) **Cultural Competence Workgroup**—will be responsible for ensuring that culture, disability, age, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, language, and gender competence issues are addressed in accordance with SAMHSA's *Guidelines for Assessing Cultural Competence*. The CCW will evaluate sub-recipient proposals for cultural competence, appropriate language and literacy levels, and racial/ethnic representation.

MSPF Goals and Tasks:

Goal #1: Develop a comprehensive, cross-system statewide strategic PLAN by April 2010.

- Utilize CSAP's *Guidance for Developing the SPF-SIG Plan*;
- Assess statewide resource needs and gaps;
- Incorporate statewide workforce needs assessment and development plan;
- Maximize state agencies' fiscal resources for substance abuse prevention;
- Align prevention funding with the SEOW needs assessment data;
- Make recommendations for deploying SPF-SIG resources to local communities via Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for MSPF Special Initiatives;
- Infuse at least 85% of SPF-SIG funding into prevention services at the local (jurisdictional), regional and statewide levels over the 5 years of SPF funding;

Goal #2: Collect & utilize statewide SEOW needs assessment DATA, including tobacco access/control data, for prevention planning at the ADAA and jurisdictional levels

- Assess and prioritize risk factors/resource needs for underage drinking;
- Analyze SEOW consequence indicators (demographic breakdowns/target populations);
- Assess and perform GIS mapping of resources for the provision of prevention services;
- Assess needs/resources for veterans and other special populations;

Goal #3: Determine targeted population OUTCOMES for ADAA and jurisdictions utilizing SEOW-collected data

- Review data collection tools, translate them into appropriate languages to ensure cultural sensitivity, and ensure that needs assessments and outcome evaluations represent diverse populations;
- Identify community and state outcome measures for underage drinking;
- Identify and assess target population outcomes and prepare community/county profiles;
- Identify and assess substance-related risk indicators and outcomes measures for returning military veterans at risk of post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries and related disorders;

Goal # 4: Expand CAPACITY to address specific prevention needs in jurisdictions

- Promote local SPF stakeholder activities and needs assessment/planning processes;
- Coordinate/utilize cross-system resources to address specific needs identified.
- Provide regional trainings in SPF principles/steps, cultural competence, evidence-based practices (EBPs), and special initiatives for vulnerable populations;
- Implement culturally competent evidence-based programs/policies/practices;

Goal #5: Measure/document population-level IMPACT at State- and jurisdictional-levels

- Develop protocols for sub-recipient data collection and evaluation;
- Maintain management information system (MIS) for SPF evaluation data;
- Monitor fidelity of implementation of evidence-based programs;
- Prepare annual state profile of survey results and assessed population-level changes in consumption and consequence indicators.

Goal #6: Develop State- and jurisdictional-level prevention services INFRASTRUCTURE

- Widely disseminate Statewide SPF Strategic Plan;
- Evaluate effectiveness of prevention services and conformance to SPF principles/steps;
- Measure performance and implement performance-based funding decisions;
- Increase the numbers of other State- and local- agencies that utilize SPF methodology for allocating resources based on epidemiological data;
- Achieve SPF sustainability by transitioning SEOW contract and key project staff positions to the SAPT-BG prevention set-aside over the 5 year course of the project.