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STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The designated Single State Agency (SSA) for the State of Florida is the Florida Department of Children and Families Services (DCF). Within the Florida DCF is the Substance Abuse Program Office.

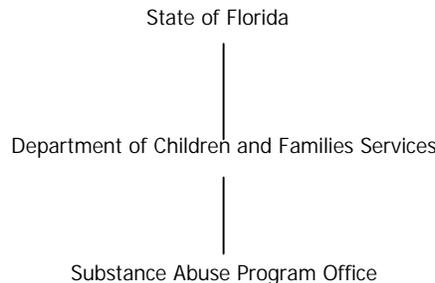
The State's Prevention Coordinator, who is the sole full-time staff person within the State office working for prevention, oversees the work of 15 service districts that cover the State's 67 counties. The Prevention Coordinator also provides periodic program evaluations for the districts and for central office use. Each district is headed by a district administrator who reports directly to the DCF Secretary. Funds are allocated by formula to each district, and the districts in turn award grants or contracts to 75 community-based prevention providers.

Block Grant funds are used to support prevention in all of the Federal prevention strategies at the district level. Perhaps the best-known programs are the Alpha-Betas, statewide school-based initiatives conducted at approximately 100 sites. Alpha-Beta programs emphasize academic achievement in reading and math, small class size, parental training and involvement, substance abuse education, and regular counseling by trained professionals as the primary modalities to reduce substance abuse.

Other prevention initiatives that are district-specific include Kid Power, Student Assistance Programs, Employee Assistance, Preschool Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug prevention programs, mentoring, Drug Free Dances, Community Drop-in Centers, Community Service Activities, Outward Bound, Recreational Activities, Community Multi-Agency Coordination and Collaboration, Community Team Building, review of ATOD use policies in schools, and coordination with other State agencies in the enforcement of alcohol and tobacco laws. All of these programs are licensed and monitored by DCF.

The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) operates the primary Florida RADAR Network system and clearinghouse, with associate sites including the Single State Agency for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Upfront, Inc. These agencies use the RADAR Network to stay abreast of current research and disseminate the pertinent information to interested parties.

Organizational Chart



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$10,257,649	\$50,095,842	\$10,019,168
1994	0*	50,095,842	9,922,178*
1995	1,234,447	49,150,388	9,756,766*

*See Endnotes.

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	N/A**	\$1,665,085	1,170,812
Education	N/A	5,408,241	5,756,492
Alternatives	N/A	1,062,533	682,973
Problem Identification and Referral	N/A	819,962	1,268,380
Environmental	N/A	152,341	97,568
Community-based Process	N/A	814,016	780,541
Other	N/A	0	0

*Although the amount reported by the State is less than the required 20%, subsequent review by State Auditors has shown that the prevention set-aside was met.

**Until FFY 1994, State data definitions were inconsistent with CSAP strategies and did not allow the State to collect these data.

Resource Spending	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	N/A*	N/A	N/A
Quality Assurance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Training (post-employment)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education (pre-employment)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Program Development	N/A	N/A	N/A
Research and Evaluation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Information Systems	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Although Florida utilized Block Grant funds for resource development, the State did not categorize these funds into treatment and prevention.

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 15 Service Districts*
- 75 non-profit prevention providers

*Contract directly with non-profit prevention providers to provide primary prevention services.

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$182,590
- FFY 1994 - \$141,745
- FFY 1995 - \$75,161

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$0.73
- FFY 1994 - \$0.71
- FFY 1995 - \$0.69

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: 1 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A*
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: 1 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 1 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A

*These data are presently not available. Florida's data bases track targeted prevention activities, and do not track the number of staff/volunteers at both the district and local levels.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

Florida defines prevention as “a process aimed at the individual, the environment, or the substance which strategies preclude, forestall, or impede the development of substance abuse problems and promote responsible personal and social growth of the individuals and families toward full human potential.”

Does the State have prevention plan?

Florida has a draft prevention plan, resulting from a prevention planning workshop in February 1997.

Total Number served*:

- FFY 1993 –N/A**
- FFY 1994 – 2,148
- FFY 1995 – 2,690

Target populations for prevention services:

- Children at risk of substance abuse
- Public school students age 12-17

*Targeted prevention

**Data not available. The total number served for targeted prevention in FFY 1993 is not available because in that year targeted prevention was defined differently from FFY 1994-95; the FFY 1993 number therefore is not comparable.

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Information dissemination	N/A**	N/A	50,000*	Clearinghouse/Information Resource Centers; brochures; speaking engagements; health fairs; media campaigns; <i>Zeen</i> magazine
Education	N/A	N/A	31***	Alpha-Beta programs; peer leader/helper programs; parenting/family management trainings; classroom and/or small group sessions
Alternatives	N/A	N/A	N/A	Drug-free dances; recreational activities; drop-in centers; community service activities
Problem identification and referral	N/A	N/A	N/A	Employee assistance programs; student assistance programs
Community-based process	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community volunteer training; community team building; multi-agency coordination/collaboration

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Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Environmental	N/A	N/A	N/A	Guidance and technical assistance on monitoring and enforcement of ATOD distribution; promotion of review of ATOD use policies in schools; efforts at modification of alcohol/tobacco advertising

*Number of issues of *Zeen* magazine distributed to high school students statewide. The magazine is produced by the Florida Prevention Association, a grassroots community-based organization of prevention professionals and provider agencies.

**Data presently not available. As a general rule, Florida's data bases do not currently track the large number of non-targeted prevention activities throughout the State. In the future, the State intends to ask its regional districts for such supplemental data.

***Number of contracted providers that disseminated information and conducted workshops on how to increase the number of high-risk children/adolescents served by DCF.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessments and data collection):

All targeted prevention programs complete the following:

- Admissions/discharge forms for the State Integrated Substance Abuse Reports (SISAR)
- Kaufman Academic Achievement Test (K-Tea Short Form) for pre-test and post-test
- Family-Centered Behavioral Scale for parent/client satisfaction

In addition, the Prevention Coordinator has recently completed a draft yearly study of the Alpha-Beta programs for 1996/97. It is intended to capture data from these programs on an annual basis. Other prevention efforts will also be evaluated for performance as districts complete the State's newly-required prevention data supplements.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) operates the primary RADAR Network system and clearinghouse for the Single State Agency. This group co-sponsors a well-attended yearly prevention conference (in its eleventh year). The theme of the 1998 conference, to be held in Tampa, will be science-based model programs, and will offer presentations, discussions, and workshops for program evaluation.

FADAA also arranges for a yearly providers meeting for the Alpha-Beta providers. This meeting is work-oriented and gives the various providers a chance to discuss concerns and to discuss evaluation results.

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Certification Activities:

Presently, no certification activities are funded through primary prevention 20% set-aside funds.

Endnotes

In 1997, the State completed a detailed prevention needs assessment project survey sampling over 22,513 students in grades 6-12. This is the *Florida Prevention Needs Assessment Studies: Alcohol and Other Drugs – Final Report*, submitted to CSAP under Contract Number 277-94-1024. The report utilizes 1995 survey data and provides county-by-county risk and resiliency profiles for ATOD abuse. It was used in 1997 as a basis for allocation of new treatment funds. The study examines prevalence rates by age and ethnicity and compares Florida's data to the National Household Survey findings. The study also examines the relationships between youth substance abuse and socioeconomic level, law enforcement involvement, and archival social indicators such as high school graduation and AIDS cases per 100,000 persons. It is believed that this model provides a more equitable and appropriate sampling of the prevention needs of various communities throughout the State.*

With regard to State expenditures in primary AOD prevention, The Florida Substance Abuse Program Office budgets over \$76 million annually in support of substance abuse treatment and prevention activities. However, the Agency's accounting system does not allow the State to track state funds that are used specifically for prevention services. To respond to this survey, Florida retrieved data on prevention services that have been contracted with over 150 providers. These data were aggregated and a total cost was projected using model contract rates for these services. The total cost was 25% greater than the amount that was budgeted from SAPT Block Grant funds. This difference includes both State funds and funds that are required to be generated by local match. Therefore, State funds are unable to be separated from local funds in this survey. Based on this methodology, Florida estimated the following amounts from both State and local funds for FFY 1993-1995:

FFY 1993	\$2,504,750
FFY 1994	\$2,480,500
FFY 1995	\$2,457,500

*S. Kim; L. Wurster; C. Williams; and N. Hepler. "Algorithms for Resource Allocation of Substance Abuse Prevention Funds Based on the Estimated Need: A Case Study on State of Florida – Part I," *The Journal of Drug Education*, volume 28 (2), 1998. In press.