



GEORGIA

STATE PREVENTION INVENTORY - GEORGIA PROFILE

STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The Program and Policy Development Section is within the Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) of the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The State operates its own alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) clearinghouse and transfers knowledge to the community through statewide, regional, county, and community-based prevention centers/systems. The State is divided into 13 prevention regions, and has three statewide prevention services:

- Student Assistance Programs
- Drugs Don't Work
- Houston County Drug Action Council HELPLINE

The State plans, contracts for, and monitors ATOD prevention services by means of its 13 substate planning regions. Each region serves as a point of contact for area ATOD prevention efforts. The State also funds 180 community-based organizations (via the 13 planning regions) to provide prevention services.

Organizational Chart



* Prevention activities fall within this section.

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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$49,348	\$21,753,003	\$4,622,719
1994	850,696	23,619,081	4,721,422*
1995	0	26,669,566	5,369,826

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$183,556
- FFY 1994 - \$181,593
- FFY 1995 - \$185,166

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$1,386,816	\$1,416,427	\$1,610,948
Education	1,294,361	1,321,998	1,503,551
Alternatives	0	0	0
Problem Identification and Referral	878,317	897,070	1,020,267
Environmental	0	0	0
Community-based Process	1,063,225	1,085,927	1,235,060
Other	0	0	0

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

- FFY 1993 - \$0.67
- FFY 1994 - \$0.67
- FFY 1995 - \$0.74

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

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: N/A*
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: N/A
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 8 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: 24 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: 121** FTE/0 Volunteers

*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.

Resource Spending	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$0	0	0
Quality Assurance	0	0	0
Training (post-employment)	0	0	0
Education (pre-employment)	0	0	0
Program Development	0	0	0
Research and Evaluation	0	0	0
Information Systems	0	0	0

*Data not available from State.

**Number of substance abuse prevention providers throughout the State's 19 regions who receive Federal set-aside spending.

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Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 13 regions
- 180 community-based organizations

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

Georgia defines prevention as “an active process of creating conditions and fostering personal attributes that promote the well-being of people.” The State’s approach to this end is based on reducing ATOD risk factors while increasing protective factors.

Does the State have prevention plan?

Yes. A comprehensive statewide prevention plan was completed in June 1998. In addition, each region is required to submit a written plan to the State.

Total Number served:

- FFY 1993 – N/A*
- FFY 1994 – N/A*
- FFY 1995 – 130,000

Target populations for prevention services:

*Data not available from State.

- High-risk youth
- All citizens, especially those at risk for substance abuse and violence
- Students in grades K-12

Programs funded:*

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Information dissemination	N/A**	N/A	N/A	Houston County Drug Action Council HELPLINE; Georgia Helpline; brochures; speaking engagements; Cooperative Regional Prevention Resource Centers
Education	N/A	N/A	19/77,453	Drugs Don't Work; GA Policy Council for Children & Families; mentors; parenting/family management; individual/family/group counseling; pregnancy/drug/alcohol/tobacco prevention and education; AIDS awareness; self esteem enhancement; after school tutoring; job training; problem solving/conflict resolution program

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Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Problem identification and referral	N/A	N/A	9/1,400***	Student assistance programs
Community-based process	N/A	N/A	N/A	Red Ribbon Campaign; community volunteer training; multi-agency coordination
Alternatives♦	N/A	N/A	N/A	Drug-free dances; Youth/Adult Leadership programs
Environmental♦	N/A	N/A	N/A	Programs promoting review of alcohol; programs to modify advertising practices

*In Georgia, all prevention activities in the State receive funding from two sources: the prevention set-aside (20%) of the SAPT Block Grant, and the Governor's portion (20%) of Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Block Grant.

**Data not available from State.

*** Number of schools receiving SAPT Block Grant funds for student assistance programs, and number of participants attending fifth annual Student Assistance Program Institute, respectively.

♦ No prevention set-aside funds were used to fund activities in the "Alternatives" and "Environmental" categories.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

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

Prevention risk assessment is performed at the State level. Each of the 13 substate regions is required to conduct its own needs assessment.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

According to the draft workplan of September 1997 of the Prevention Technical Assistance and Training to the States (PTATS), Georgia does not require formal technical assistance for its prevention system elements.

The State's prevention agency sponsors a series of conferences and workshops to foster training among ATOD workers, but these are primarily given by outside entities. Presently, no formal State substance abuse prevention training course exists that is tailored to Georgia's prevention staff and providers' needs.

Certification Activities:

The State has a certification process for prevention professionals that utilizes an independent entity known as the Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia, Inc.