

STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

In New Mexico, the Single State Agency designated to receive and administer the Federal SAPT Block Grant is the Behavioral Health Services Division/Substance Abuse (BHSD/SA), commonly referred to as the Division of Substance Abuse (DSA), which is placed within the New Mexico Department of Health. The population served by DSA prevention and treatment programs is exclusively adults, while the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) addresses the needs of those younger than 18. The Community Programs Bureau, which administers the Federal block grant funds, oversees New Mexico's ATOD prevention efforts. The Secretary of the Department of Health oversees the activities of DSA and its Director.

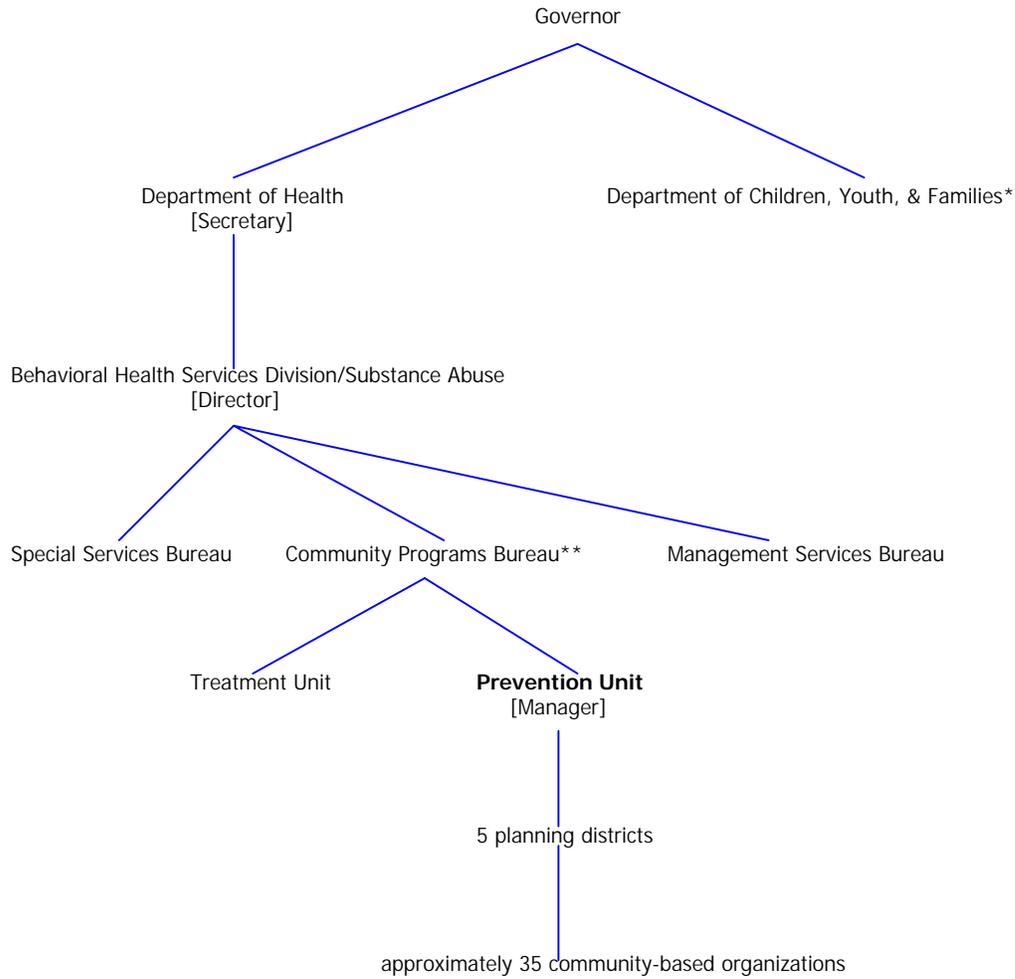
Although the State is divided into five substate planning districts, DSA does not have regional offices. DSA contracts with approximately 35 community-based organizations to provide a continuum of ATOD services (i.e., prevention, intervention, and treatment). These services include community development initiatives, community organization, information dissemination, public education programs, alternative activities, and the development of culturally relevant materials for special populations. Many community providers specialize in translating materials for the State's sizable Hispanic (40% of the State's residents) and Native American (8%) populations.

DSA acknowledges that it presently lacks a statewide prevention system. Prevention services at the local level exhibit a great deal of variety in service provision, as well as in the skill level of their prevention professionals. However, the local programs enjoy flexibility in developing prevention strategies specific to their individual populations. With the adoption and implementation of New Mexico's five-year statewide prevention plan, DSA believes that the initial steps in establishing a statewide prevention infrastructure are in place. Input from community providers will help shape New Mexico's substance abuse prevention plan in the upcoming years.

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Organizational Chart



* This Department utilizes State General Funds to support prevention services for its special population.

** In the mid-1990s, prevention and treatment services – concurrently housed within the Community Programs Bureau – were separated.

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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$2,491,500	\$4,604,330	\$940,464
1994	3,177,028	5,621,023	1,133,689
1995	3,524,293	5,805,151	1,161,030

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$61,010	\$109,484	\$112,124
Education	155,627	250,000	256,029
Alternatives	303,785	270,440	256,962
Problem Identification and Referral	171,485	200,000	204,823
Environmental	151,893	143,765	147,232
Community-based Process	96,664	110,000	112,653
Other*	0	50,000	71,207

*Synar Amendment compliance.

Resource Spending*	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$0	\$135,065	\$100,000
Quality Assurance	0	20,000	30,000
Training (post-employment)	39,592	0	30,000
Education (pre-employment)	0	0	0
Program Development	11,944	0	0
Research and Evaluation	0	0	0
Information Systems	0	0	0

* These expenditures fell outside the set-aside.

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 5 planning districts
- 37-54 community-based organizations*

*Number varies from one Federal Fiscal Year to the next.

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$20,445
- FFY 1994 - \$24,121
- FFY 1995 - \$31,379

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

- FFY 1993 - \$0.58
- FFY 1994 - \$0.69
- 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: 54 FTE/0 Volunteers
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: 1 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: 41 FTE/0 Volunteers
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 3 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: 37 FTE/0 Volunteers

*Not applicable.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

New Mexico's operative definition is "an active process for developing personal attributes that promote the well-being of individuals. Prevention is designed to holistically promote the personal, spiritual, physical, emotional, and social growth of citizens and strengthen aspects of community life that support and sustain positive behavior and healthy lifestyle."

Does the State have prevention plan?

Yes; the *New Mexico Five-Year State ATODA Prevention Plan, 1996-2001*.

- Hispanics
- African Americans
- Asian Americans

Target populations for prevention services:

- Pregnant women
- Women with dependent children
- High school drop-outs
- Economically disadvantaged population
- Elderly
- Single-parent households
- Native Americans

Total Number served:*

- FFY 1993 – 45,000
- FFY 1994 – 90,000
- FFY 1995 – 150,000

*Estimates.

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served*			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Pregnant women/women with dependent children	N/A**	20/260	16/1,520	Southeastern United Family Services; CASAA; Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos; Santo Domingo Substance Abuse Program; Southern NM Human Development
Adult/family education	N/A	31/914	25/3,190	Border Area Prevention Program; Citizens Council on Alcoholism/Drug Abuse; Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.; senior adult workshops; Jicarilla Apache Tribe; Pueblo of San Felipe Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Prevention Program; education classes

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Type	Number of Programs/Number Served*			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Public information	N/A	30/258,376	25/588,118	Legislative mailouts; media campaigns; monthly speaking engagements; semi-annual health fairs; community outreach; Jicarilla Apache Tribe; Taos/Colfax Community Services; statewide clearinghouse
Health promotion and alternative recreational activities	N/A	35/774	24/7,047	Hoy Alcoholism Program; Pueblo of Acoma; fitness programs; diet/nutrition counseling; Rio Grande Alcohol Treatment Program, Inc.
Peer counseling	N/A	12/72	6/1,358	Southwest Counseling Center, Inc.; Counseling Associates, Inc.; The Counseling Center, Inc.
Early intervention	N/A	N/A	N/A	Employee assistance programs
Community mobilization	N/A	34/932	24/4,396	La Buena Vida, Inc.; Presbyterian Medical Services/Artesia Health Resources; Pueblo of San Felipe Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Prevention Program; San Juan County Partnership
Problem identification and referral	N/A	18/45	12/1,304	Rio Rancho Prevention Program; Southwest Counseling Center, Inc.; The Counseling Center, inc.; statewide toll-free HELPLINE

*Because the State of New Mexico only recently implemented a prevention outcomes reporting initiative, much variability still exists among local providers with respect to tracking the number of individuals served. The State depends on its contracted providers to supply such data. Numbers displayed in the table above are based on data supplied by a subset of local providers and are under-representative of the total number of individuals served by all prevention programs statewide.

**Data not available from State.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

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

The DSA tracks Federal Block Grant-funded prevention services at the community level by:

- Conducting program manager site visits
- Utilizing monthly financial reports that document the extent of over- and under-utilization of local services

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State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1996 marked the first year outcome evaluation results were required as part of the contracts between DSA and statewide prevention providers. Each contract for prevention services specified that contractors were required to conduct an outcome evaluation of their project based on their community needs assessment and substance abuse prevention plan.

Findings from statewide studies conducted by the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Unit are used to determine the prevention needs of communities throughout the State by DSA. Contract providers – some of whom receive Federal prevention set-aside monies – are required to conduct local needs assessment in the RFP process, including identification of the risk and protective factors specific to the community and the target population. The need for prevention services is determined by evaluating four factors in each community:

- Prevalence of substance abuse
- Demand for treatment services
- Drug-related criminal activity
- Communicable diseases transmitted through intravenous drug use

DSA acknowledges that data collection occurs at a number of levels in the State, but the data are not fully developed or utilized to make more overall prevention planning. Plans to develop this area are outlined in the State's Prevention Plan.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

New Mexico's prevention training services are placed within the overall infrastructure of DSA. Although there is no formal prevention training calendar, requests for training/technical assistance that are submitted to DSA by prevention contractors are fulfilled on an as-needed basis. DSA allocates Federal Block Grant funds for such training.

The key training event for prevention contractors is the Southwest Regional Substance Abuse Conference, an annual conference in which technical assistance or training is offered in workshop formats. During the 1996 conference, 50 percent of the workshops were dedicated to prevention.

Certification Activities:

New Mexico does not have a certification process for substance abuse prevention professionals, but is a member of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) and has a non-State-sponsored certification program. Attempts are underway to develop a prevention curriculum at the University of New Mexico and several other colleges.