

Anne Arundel County Maryland
Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council Local Plan

From January to March 2005, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health conducted a comprehensive data review and analysis to identify priority populations and treatment gaps. The assessment examined a number of databases, including the Maryland Adolescent Survey; morbidity and mortality data related to the use of alcohol and drugs; Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN); Healthy People 2010; and the Uniform Crime Report data for drug arrests in Anne Arundel County. In addition, County substance abuse treatment providers were surveyed to identify their concerns and issues related to the current system for providing treatment.

The needs assessment identified the following priority and target populations:

Prevention

- Children and adolescents up to the age of 13 (targeted for preventing and delaying the use of substances such as alcohol, marijuana and tobacco)

Intervention and Treatment

- Patients presenting at local area hospital emergency rooms for drug related visits
- Residents involved with the criminal justice system
- Residents with co-occurring disorders

Vision Statement

A safe and drug free County

Mission Statement

To reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs and their damaging consequences

Disclaimer: *The following plan is based upon receiving sufficient funding to carry out and achieve the goals and objectives.*

Goal 1: To develop and maintain a continuum of care that is accessible to individuals needing substance abuse treatment

Objective 1: Increase funding available for treatment of substance abusers referred from the criminal justice system, hospitals, and the community.

Performance Target: Increase countywide resources for substance abuse treatment.

Measure: Increase the number of individuals accessing treatment as measured by Maryland Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS) data.

Goal 2: To provide the community with an organized infrastructure to support the continued improvement in effectiveness of services to substance abusers

Objective 1: Collaborate with the Department of Health to ensure that resources are directed to those priority areas for which there is a need to provide treatment services.

Objective 2: Collaborate with the mental health system in Anne Arundel County to develop a system that provides comprehensive services to residents with co-occurring disorders.

Objective 3: Collaborate with the detention center facilities to ensure that offenders with substance abuse problems are assisted in securing treatment once they re-enter society.

Objective 4: Collaborate with the private provider system to ensure that trained and qualified clinicians provide comprehensive treatment services.

Objective 5: Collaborate with the District and Circuit Courts to enhance and improve services.

Goal 3: To empower Anne Arundel County residents to live healthy lifestyles free of alcohol and other drugs

Objective 1: Decrease the numbers of adolescents who answer in the affirmative for drinking alcohol within the past 30 days.

Objective 2: Decrease the percent of adolescents in the 12th grade who report being a passenger in a vehicle where the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Objective 3: Assist community organizations with the opportunity to provide evidence-based prevention strategies.

Objective 4: Increase opportunities for parents to gain knowledge about effective parenting skills.

Objective 5: Increase funding for services targeted at preventing the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Performance Target: Reduce the incidence of first use of substances among youth in middle and high school.

Measure: Response on the Maryland Adolescent Survey