

Partnerships for Success Program in Hawaii

Overview of the Partnerships for Success (PFS) Program

The Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) grant program is administered by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The SPF-PFS grant program is intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State, tribal, and community levels.

The purpose of the grant program is to address two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among youth between the ages of 12 and 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse among individuals between the ages of 12 and 25. Grantees may also use grant funds to target an additional, data-driven substance abuse prevention priority (e.g. marijuana, heroin, etc.) in their State/tribe.

PFS is based on the premise that changes at the community level will lead to measurable changes at the State level. Through collaboration, States/tribes and their PFS-funded communities of high need can overcome challenges associated with substance misuse. PFS programs also aim to bring SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to a national scale, giving grant recipients the chance to acquire more resources to implement the SPF.

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Who is involved in the grant program?

The Hawaii State Department of Health is the recipient of the SPF-PFS in the State. Other agencies that are represented on the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW)/steering committee to help with identification of high-need communities, data collection, reporting, and other grant-related activities include:

Division of Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Office of Health Status Monitoring; Division of Surveillance, Evaluation, & Epidemiology Office, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Division of Communicable Disease and Public Health; Division of Family Health Services; Division of the Attorney General, Community, Crime Prevention, and Justice Assistance; Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas; and the University of Hawaii.

How long is the grant?

Hawaii currently has a PFS award that began in FY 2013 and will end in FY 2018.

How much funding does Hawaii receive?

The PFS award is \$1,776,772 annually, or \$8,540,569 for the total 5-year grant cycle. **PFS funding amounts to 27% of the State's entire substance abuse prevention budget.**

Focus of Hawaii's SPF-PFS program

Hawaii's PFS program focuses on underage drinking for youth ages 12-20. Under this PFS grant, there are five coalitions funded. They are Kaneohe, Ewa Beach, Maui Youth Coalition, Lanai, and Hawaii Partnerships for Underage Drinking (HPPUD). In addition to these five coalitions, four counties were funded as well. They are Maui County, Kauai County, Honolulu County, and Hawaii County.

PFS Outcomes in Hawaii

Hawaii's PFS sub-recipients are currently working on their prevention plan and will implement the selected intervention strategies in FY 2018. The five coalitions, four counties, and communities have shared information on underage drinking problems in each county.

In February, the Maui Liquor Commission passed an ordinance in their county to allow 24-hour alcohol sales to retail outlets, bars, and restaurants. The PFS-funded Maui Youth Coalition led the efforts to repeal the 24-hour liquor sales back to 11 p.m.

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