

Partnerships for Success Program in Missouri

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 Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Behavioral 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: Dept. of Mental Health, Dept. of Health and Senior Services, private health agencies, higher education, local coalitions, Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education, Highway Patrol, and Social Services.

How long is the grant?

Missouri currently has a PFS award that began September 30th, 2015 and will end on September 29th, 2020.

How much funding does Missouri receive?

The PFS 2015 award is \$1,648,188 annually, or \$8,240,940 for the total 5-year grant cycle. This represents **18.3% of the State's total annual substance abuse prevention budget.**

Focus of Missouri's SPF-PFS program:

The PFS award has two priority areas for 12-18 year-olds: 1) preventing and reducing underage and binge drinking, and 2) preventing and reducing prescription drug misuse. There are 5 Prevention Resource Centers with 29 community coalitions in the State that are funded as sub-recipients of PFS.

Outcomes of SPF-PFS:

For the current PFS grant, the State is reaching all 12-18 year-olds across 25 counties with at least one intervention. This totals approximately 74,000 young people.

Missouri previously received a PFS grant from FY 2012-FY 2015. Data from this grant are below:

The entire State showed improvement in all areas of alcohol use: binge drinking (9.6% in 2012 vs. 5.6% in 2016), 30-day alcohol use (16.9% vs. 14.2%), perceived risk of drinking (70.5% vs. 66.2%), perception of parental disapproval (79.8% vs. 83.1%), and ease of availability of alcohol (56.2% vs. 50.7%). In addition, annual measures of school enrollment (87.8% vs. 89.7%) and school alcohol discipline incidents (1.7% vs. 1.3%) showed improvement over the life of the grant. With regard to prescription drugs, disapproval by close friends and family, family communication, and the perceived risk of harm all increased.

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