

Partnerships for Success Program in West Virginia

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 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources 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: Department of Education, Division of Corrections, Division of Motor Vehicles, Controlled Substances Monitoring Program (WV Board of Pharmacy), State Police, Division of Justice & Community Services, Health Care Authority, Higher Education Policy Commission, Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Coalition to End Homelessness, and West Virginia University.

How long is the grant?

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

How much funding does West Virginia receive?

The PFS 2013 award is \$1,757,302 annually, or \$8,786,510 for the total 5-year grant cycle.

West Virginia's 20% set aside from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is approximately \$1,683,320. The annual PFS award of \$1,757,302 amounts to 51% of the States prevention budget.

Focus of West Virginia SPF-PFS program:

The focus of the PFS in West Virginia is underage drinking and prescription drug misuse prevention in youth ages 12-17, as well as transitional aged youth who are 18-25 years old.

6 Regional Lead Organizations are sub-recipients and they contract with local coalitions in the twelve counties served for this project. A total of 12 county coalitions are sub awarded PFS funds to implement prevention services.

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