

Partnerships for Success Program in Connecticut

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 Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services 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 Children and Families, Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Consumer Protection, Board of Pardons and Parole, Judicial, Court Support Services Division, Connecticut Data Collaborative, Southeast Regional Action Council, State Department of Education, Office of Policy Management, Connecticut Hospital Association, Office of Early Childhood, Office of the Child Advocate, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, AIDS CT, Child Health and Development Institute, Center of Public Health and Health Policy, and the Connecticut Youth Services Association.

How long is the grant?

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

How much does Connecticut receive?

The PFS 2015 award is \$1,648,188 annually, or \$8,240,940 for the total 5-year grant cycle. This represents approximately **17% of the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services' total annual substance abuse prevention budget.**

Focus of Connecticut's SPF-PFS program:

The PFS award has three priority areas: 1) preventing and reducing underage and binge drinking, 2) preventing and reducing prescription drug misuse, and 3) preventing and reducing marijuana use. Sub-recipients (community coalitions) have begun implementing strategies, including: Social Marketing Campaigns, Raising Awareness/Communication, Training/Education, Enforcement, and Capacity Building/Sector Engagement.

Goals of SPF-PFS:

Connecticut's SPF-PFS program aims to: reduce 30-day use of alcohol among 12-20 year olds; reduce 30-day use of prescription drugs (non-medical use) among 12-25 year olds; reduce 30-day marijuana use among high school students; increase peer disapproval of alcohol and prescription drug misuse; decrease access to alcohol (ages 12-20) and prescription drugs (ages 12-25); decrease retail availability of alcohol (under 21); increase parental disapproval of alcohol (ages 12-20) and prescription drug misuse (ages 12-25). Data reflecting progress on these goals will be reported to SAMHSA.

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