

Partnerships for Success Program in Florida

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?

In addition to the Florida Department of Children and Families, 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: the Florida Department of Health; Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Medicaid); Florida Department of Education; Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association; and the University of Florida.

How long is the grant?

Florida currently has a PFS award that began in FY 2016 and will end in FY 2021.

How much does Florida receive?

The PFS 2013 award is \$ 1,230,000 annually, or \$6,150,000 for the total 5-year grant cycle. This represents approximately 4% of the State's total annual substance abuse prevention budget.

Focus of Florida's SPF-PFS program:

The primary focus of the PFS grant in Florida is prescription drug misuse and the non-medical use of opioids. Specifically, Florida's SPF-PFS grant aims to reduce prescription drug misuse and its consequences among individuals ages 12-25 years old, and to reduce the nonmedical use of opioids and its consequences among individuals ages 26 years and older. Five community coalitions are currently funded through the PFS grant as sub-recipients.

Outcomes of SPF-PFS

Florida's SPF-PFS grant is still in Year 1 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017). During year 1 so far, school-based prevention programs were implemented in two rural counties funded through PFS, serving an estimated 282 individuals. Life Skills Training programs in middle and/or high schools are being expanded during years 2-5 of Florida's PFS grant to an additional 6 counties.

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