

Partnerships for Success Program in Oklahoma

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 Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, other agencies that are represented on the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW) to help with identification of high-need communities, data collection, and reporting activities include: Cherokee Nation, Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, Oklahoma National Guard, and United Way of Central Oklahoma.

How long is the grant program?

Oklahoma has a Partnerships for Success grant that began in FY 2015 and will end in FY 2019.

How much funding does Oklahoma receive?

The PFS award is \$1,626,000 annually, or \$8,130,000 for the total 5-year grant cycle. The **SPF-PFS grant represents 20% of the agency's total substance abuse prevention budget.**

Focus of Oklahoma's SPF-PFS program:

The PFS program focuses on reducing non-medical and unauthorized availability of prescription drugs among 12-17 and 18-25 year olds. PFS funds support 13 high need communities working in partnership with coalitions and 12 Regional Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroups in the State.

Outcomes of SPF-PFS:

PFS is still in progress in Oklahoma. Prevention programs such as PFS identify high need populations and utilize evidence-based interventions to reduce negative consequences such as prescription opioid overdose.

Prescription opioid overdose deaths to date have decreased.

Unintentional Poisoning Deaths by Type of Substance and Year, Oklahoma, 2014-2016*

Source: OSDH Injury Prevention Service Fatal Unintentional Poisoning Surveillance System

Drug	Number of deaths			
	2014	2015	2016*	Total
Prescription drugs	514	417	419	2,928
Prescription opioids	427	346	334	2,447

*Preliminary 2016 data

The Oklahoma PFS implements focused outreach and public education to increase community prevention actions such as: safe storage and disposal of prescription medications, reducing youth use of medications not prescribed to them, and cautious prescribing through dissemination guidelines.

Media reach, community outreach and information dissemination = 194 events/296,727 people reached

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