



STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) oversees efforts to address ATOD problems through the Oklahoma Prevention Resource Network. DMHSAS has entered into contractual relationships with 18 Area Prevention Resource Centers (APRCs) that serve each of Oklahoma's 77 counties. The centers are designed to provide technical assistance, training, and referral to community task forces that determine prevention needs for local communities who subsequently develop action plans to address those needs. The APRCs also work with the superintendents, teachers, and counselors in State school districts. APRCs are equipped with computers and modems for easy communication with the central office and with other APRCs. Each APRC also functions as a RADAR Network associate. In addition to the APRCs, DMHSAS also funds three education/awareness agencies, three special populations contracts, a research and evaluation program, and a training agency.

Oklahoma is divided into 8 substate service areas which are represented by 8 community-based Regional Advisory Boards (RABs) that are charged with several tasks:

- The examination of existing services
- The assessment of service needs for the population
- The recommendation of levels of services to the Department in order to address service gaps for specific populations

The RABs interact with the APRC-trained community task forces. Both entities enable local citizens to provide information on prevention needs and subsequently develop services to meet those needs.

Organizational Chart



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$73,337	\$10,799,407	\$2,159,881
1994	28,762	12,784,280	2,556,844
1995	226,443	13,286,731	2,657,346

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$313,731	\$394,308	\$232,234
Education	511,331	286,919	464,469
Alternatives	55,494	189,604	232,226
Problem Identification and Referral	95,280	238,235	209,011
Environmental	181,916	75,086	23,233
Community-based Process	757,377	1,032,738	1,161,173
Other*	244,752	339,954	335,000

*Expenditures in the "Other" category included Resource Development activity.

Resource Spending	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$40,000	\$80,036	N/A*
Quality Assurance	38,566	35,000	N/A
Training (post-employment)	70,000	104,918	N/A
Education (pre-employment)	21,600	25,000	N/A
Program Development	0	0	N/A
Research and Evaluation	61,000	90,000	N/A
Information Systems	13,586	5,000	N/A

* Data not available from State.

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 7 statewide agencies
- 22 substate service areas

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$70,641
- FFY 1994 - \$88,166
- FFY 1995 - \$75,000

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$0.67
- FFY 1994 - \$0.78
- FFY 1995 - \$0.81

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: 5 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A*
 - Local: 40 Volunteers
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: 6 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: 40 Volunteers
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 6.5 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: 40 Volunteers

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

Prevention is the use of planned activities to reduce the risk that individuals will experience alcohol- or drug-related problems in their lives. It is a positive, pro-active approach that attempts to influence individuals before the earliest onset of such problems. The overall goal for prevention is the development of healthy, responsible, and productive citizens who will be unlikely to ever experience alcohol- or drug-related problems in their lives.

Does the State have prevention plan?

Yes, the plan is reviewed and updated annually.

- Children in detention

Target populations for prevention services:

- Pregnant and parenting women
- Elementary and secondary school children
- Community task force members

Total Number served:

- FFY 1993 – 200,000
- FFY 1994 – 250,000
- FFY 1995 – 337,006

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Information dissemination	19/60,000	19/75,000	19/80,000	OK Prevention Resource and Evaluation Center; regional Prevention Resource Centers; statewide print and electronic media campaigns (including Red Ribbon Campaign); centralized clearinghouse; 24-hour hotline
Education	18/1,000	18/2,500	18/3,800	Prevention conference; educational presentations executed by APRCs; staff development
Problem identification and referral	18/250*	18/250*	18/250*	Onsite student assistance training; 24 hour toll-free hotline
Alternatives	18/500	18/1,400	18/1,000	Youth Participation Conferences
Community-based	18/40*	18/100*	18/200*	Community task force development and assistance
Social policy and environmental change	18/200	18/200	18/200	Youth leadership conferences; facilitation of State and National advocacy agendas

*DMHSAS provided all of the State's 250 school districts assistance in developing Student Assistance Programs.

*Number of community task forces assisted by Area Prevention Resource Centers.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessment and data collection):

Oklahoma's prevention programs report services via a software program designed by DMHSAS, the Prevention Management Information System. All services are reported by type, hours, and demographics. DMHSAS also develops an annual list of social indicators, a collection of data on demographics, and reports of risk behaviors (e.g., teen automobile accidents, child abuse reports).

The State prevention services contractors develop needs assessments for their local service areas on a biannual basis. These needs assessments are comprised of input from local task force members, and social indicator data collected by DMHSAS.

In State Fiscal Year 1998, the State introduced outcome-based evaluations. The Oklahoma Prevention Resource and Evaluation Center developed outcome evaluation strategies for pilot programs. Each of the State's 18 Area Prevention Resource Centers (APRCs) were asked to select a minimum of two of these pilot prevention programs on which to measure outcomes. Some of these evaluations have been designed around pre- and post-testing of subjects. The State expects a thorough analysis of these outcomes-based evaluations to be completed by late 1998. More outcomes-based programs will be added to the approved DMHSAS curricula. APRCs will have the option to present as many approved curricula as resources permit.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

DMHSAS provides an annual course, "Prevention Generalist." This course is required for staff members of the Area Prevention Resource Centers, but is open to the general public. In addition, DMHSAS conducts a biannual training survey to determine needs for prevention specialists and other Department contractors. Based upon these surveys, DMHSAS hosts up to six additional topical trainings per year. Subjects to date have included student assistance programming, violence prevention and policy planning, and peer mediation training.

Certification Activities:

As of 1996, Oklahoma did not have a statewide certification process in place for its prevention professionals. As of January 1998, Oklahoma had completed development of a certification process. The process, independent of the Department, is managed by the Continuing Education College of the University of Oklahoma. Three levels of certification exist:

- Entry
- Practitioner
- Expert preventionist

Areas of specialization include program development, implementation, evaluation, and administration.