

Connecticut's Partnerships For Success 2015 Grant



Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What is the Partnerships for Success 2015 Grant?</p>	<p>The Partnerships For Success (PFS) 2015 grant will allow Connecticut to fund successful community-based strategies that prevent underage drinking and prescription drug use and abuse as well as other substance identified by communities, by implementing the <i>Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)</i> in medium and large sized urban communities. This 8.2 million dollar, 5 year grant was awarded through a competitive bid process from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The SPF is a data-driven, public health approach that will focus on the reduction of disparities in substance use risk and consequences in 8 communities that are faced with high challenges in terms of resources, infrastructure, population, diversity and severity of substance use related problems. The 8 communities were selected through a competitive procurement process in the summer of 2016. The PFS 2015 will also build on the previous success at addressing substance use at CT Institutions of Higher Education by continuing to support the CT Statewide Healthy Campus Initiative.</p>
<p>What are the goals of Connecticut's PFS 2015?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reduction of past month alcohol use rates for 12-20 year olds and prescription drug and illicit opioid misuse and abuse in 12-25 year olds as well as other substance abuse prevention priorities chosen by high need communities; ❖ Preventing the onset and reducing the progression of childhood/underage drinking; ❖ Strengthening capacity and infrastructure at the State and community level to implement data-driven, evidenced-based policies, practices and programs; and ❖ Collaboratively align state and community strategies, redirect existing services and leverage resources to sustain efforts.
<p>Who will administer Connecticut's PFS 2015?</p>	<p>Connecticut's PFS 2015 will be administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Prevention & Health Promotion Division in collaboration with other State agency partners.</p>
<p>What role will the 8 funded community coalitions play in reducing underage drinking and prescription drug use?</p>	<p>PFS 2015 communities will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Use a public health approach to decrease alcohol consumption for 12-20 year olds and/or prescription drug and illicit opioid misuse and abuse in 12 to 25 year olds as well as address other community identified substance abuse priorities; ❖ Build on existing resources to implement environmental strategies known to be effective in reducing youth alcohol and prescription drug use rates, such as curtailing retail and social access, policy change, enforcement, media advocacy, and parental and merchant education; and ❖ Measure and demonstrate quantifiable changes in use rates utilizing student survey and social indicator data.
<p>What role will State Agencies play in the PFS 2015?</p>	<p>Through collaborative efforts, state agencies will have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Participate in a State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) to enhance statewide prevention data collection efforts and support on-going monitoring and evaluation of the PFS 2015 throughout the grant period; ❖ Participate in the PFS 2015 Advisory Council; ❖ Contribute to profiling population needs, resources, and readiness to address the problems and gaps in service delivery; ❖ Assist with engaging stakeholders in implementation and evaluation activities; ❖ Participate in review of community programs and strategies that are supported; ❖ Provide guidance on the implementation of evidenced-based programs and strategies; and ❖ Provide input to the state-level evaluation being conducted by the UConn Health Center.

For more information about Connecticut's PFS 2015, go to <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas> or contact Dawn Grodzki, PFS 2015 Project Director, at Dawn.Grodzki@ct.gov