



Alcohol Tax Fund
A Collaborative City/County Partnership
Managed by the Drug & Alcoholism Council of Johnson County
A program of United Community Services of Johnson County

2015 Year-End Report

Since 1980, the Drug & Alcoholism Council of Johnson County (DAC), a program of United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), has worked in partnership with Johnson County government and cities to allocate Alcohol Tax Fund (ATF) dollars in accordance with Kansas state statute.

In 2015, 22 programs received allocations of \$1,626,295 to support programs and services for local residents. Taken together, these programs and services form a continuum of alcohol and substance abuse services for Johnson County residents. Nearly 65,000 Johnson County residents participated in programs or received services supported, in part, by ATF allocations. The following summary describes how these funds were used.

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2015 Funding	
Johnson County Government	\$111,342
9 Cities	\$1,608,683
Total Dollars	\$1,720,025
UCS Administration	-\$93,730
Grant Awards	\$1,626,295

2015 participating jurisdictions included: Johnson County, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Shawnee.



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First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention and Recovery

\$22,000

First Call provided introduction courses of *Caring for Kids* and *How to Cope* at the Johnson County Evening Reporting Center. *How to Cope* is a curriculum for parents of adolescents in substance abuse recovery. *Caring for Kids* is a program for youth that helps them regain healthy productive lifestyles. Within Olathe School District, First Call provided weekly sobriety groups, *Life Skills 101* (during first semester only; uses an evidence-based program and focuses on alcohol/drug use prevention/education, family systems, anger management and communication), and *Students who Invest in Success* (a weekly open student forum that utilizes the *Say It Straight* curriculum). First Call also conducted a Recovery Panel for freshman at one Olathe high school, and in 2015 began providing prevention programming to students at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. Johnson County residents are also served through First Call's crisis call hotline, and assessment and treatment referrals. Through ATF supported programs, 1,728 Johnson County residents were served (199 adults and 1,529 youth).

Outcomes achieved during 2015: All of the surveyed participants in *How to Cope* increased their knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Nearly all, 86 percent, of surveyed participants in *Caring for Kids* increased their knowledge of those harmful effects. All participants in those programs completed a plan of action to promote healthy relationships and resistance to abusing substances. All of the students who participated in *Students who Invest in Success* and *Life Skills 101* increased their knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Friends of Recovery

\$40,000

Friends of Recovery Association's Oxford Houses are autonomous, democratically run transitional homes for individuals maintaining sobriety. Friends of Recovery provides reintegration programming for individuals living in Oxford Houses and trains Oxford House alumni and residents as recovery coaches who work with newly-recovering residents. Friends of Recovery also provides short term housing to individuals recently released from incarceration, and help from Recovery Coaches as those individuals seek employment and apply for standard admission to Oxford House. During 2015 Friends of Recovery made significant strides to become a trauma-informed agency. In addition to Trauma Informed Care training of staff and alumni who work in the Houses, several changes to process and procedures were implemented. 293 Johnson County Oxford House residents were served through 5,092 hours of case management (crisis intervention, education, mediation and mentoring).

Outcomes achieved during 2015: There are 30 Oxford Houses in Johnson County, three of which opened in 2015 (for men). Over 90 percent of Oxford House residents were either employed or completing community service. During the first six months of 2015, 74 percent of those who left the program improved the likelihood for more positive behavioral coping skills as indicated by leaving in good standing (no relapse or re-incarceration). The percentage decreased slightly in the last six months of 2015 (67 percent), however, the organization anticipates that changes implemented to become trauma-informed will decrease recidivism in the near future.

Gillis Center

\$60,000

Gillis served 52 Johnson County families (121 residents) with *Functional Family Therapy* (FFT), a nationally recognized 12-14 week family treatment model. *Functional Family Therapy* has been applied successfully to a wide range of programs for youth and their families. Referrals for FFT are made by Johnson County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center case managers, officers from Johnson County Department of Corrections and Court Services, as well as schools and parents. ATF resources were specifically used for youth with identified substance abuse issues.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: Following the family's completion of *Functional Family Therapy*, all of the parents and youth completing the Client Outcome Measure reported improved family relationships (reduced levels of conflict and improved communication). Of 24 youth who completed *Functional Family Therapy* during 2015, 87 percent had no subsequent charges from the Johnson County Office of District Attorney.

Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center

\$117,000

Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (HRADAC) provided intensive case management (ICM) and related services to 92 Johnson County adults who are homeless and have a substance use disorder and a co-occurring mental and/or physical health issue. Services focus on risk-reduction and stabilization, while also addressing individual goals around substance abuse services, mental health services and housing.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 80 percent of the clients who were homeless when they began services secured permanent or transitional housing. All ICM clients engaged in recovery activities after initiating intensive case management services. Those recovery activities included accessing substance abuse treatment (69 percent), accessing 12 Step or other support recovery groups (88 percent), and engagement in *Recovery Oriented Systems of Care* with a Recovery Coach (98 percent). Of the ICM clients who had a mental health diagnosis at the end of 2015, 80 percent engaged in mental health services and accessed mental health medications.

Johnson County Court Services,

\$91,147

Juvenile Drug Court & Minor in Possession of Alcohol

The Juvenile Drug Court targets first-time drug offenders seeking diversion who present with serious drug and alcohol issues. During the nine-month program, youth must obey the law and are closely monitored for compliance with treatment, substance use, attendance at court appearances, completion of community service, and adherence to a curfew. The overarching programmatic goal is to help youth who are prone to relapse to develop tools to overcome substance abuse dependence. The Minor In Possession (MIP) program is a non-court resolution of a police report that involves a juvenile in possession of alcohol. 275 youth were served in the MIP and Drug Court programs.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 84 percent of drug screens submitted were negative for all substances. The average semester GPA of a Drug Court client at the start of Drug Court was 1.76, and at the completion of Drug Court, the average semester GPA was 2.85. 72 percent of youth in

Drug Court reported being involved in a pro-social activity such as music or sports, or were employed at least part-time. Youth and their parents increased their understanding of the impact of drugs and alcohol, as measured by pre and post tests for both programs.

Johnson County Department of Corrections: Treatment Voucher Assistance and Adult

Residential Treatment Readiness

\$12,710

Through vouchers, 30 adults and four youth offenders who faced financial barriers to obtaining substance abuse services (evaluation and/or treatment), were assisted with paying for those services. Treatment services at the Adult Residential Center were provided by a licensed clinician through a competitive contract process. Treatment services for adults and youth under intensive supervision were provided under a contract with the district court and its agreement with licensed clinicians. Adult Residential Treatment Readiness is a cognitive skills/interactive journaling program. It was provided to 310 clients at the Adult Residential Center (ARC). This program utilizes the *Courage to Change* curriculum which includes interactive journaling, and focuses on readiness to change, and risk related to criminal personality.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 71 percent of the clients who received substance abuse services using the vouchers did not show signs of relapse (evidence of drug use during year). 65 percent of the ARC clients who successfully completed the cognitive skills/interactive journaling program also successfully completed the full ARC program.

Johnson County Mental Health Center: Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT) **\$253,510**

The Adolescent Center for Treatment is an adolescent residential treatment program and an outpatient substance abuse counseling program for youth ages 12-18. The majority of residential patients are court-ordered and some are in the foster care system. ACT is the only specialized youth residential substance abuse treatment program in the state of Kansas. The residential facility served 255 youth, 55 of whom were from Johnson County. Youth received a bio-psychosocial assessment and participated weekly in over 60 hours of therapeutic activities (individual and/or group counseling, addiction education, recovery skills, relapse prevention, anger management, and more).

Outcomes achieved during 2015: During 2015, 78 percent of clients admitted to ACT remained in treatment for the recommended amount of time. 72 percent of all clients' families participated in at least two sessions of family counseling or education/training. ACT continues to explore ways to better meet the needs of families who are unable to travel to ACT for family counseling. On client discharge surveys, ACT staff received an average rating of 4.3 on a scale of 1 to 5.

Johnson County Mental Health Center: Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)

\$268,581

The Adult Detoxification Unit is a non-medical, social detoxification center delivered at no cost to Kansas residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Admissions come through hospitals, law enforcement and Rainbow Services, Inc. (RSI provides a sobering unit, which is a three to six hour stay). The ADU is a cost-effective alternative to hospital emergency rooms or incarceration. A thorough assessment is completed on each client and clients are closely monitored throughout

their stay (average of 3.4 days). Staff work with clients to develop a discharge/recovery plan and make arrangements for ongoing support and treatment. ADU served 893 adults, 431 of whom were Johnson County residents.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 96 percent of clients successfully completed detoxification as evidenced by remaining in detox until staff recommended discharge, based upon acceptable reduction in withdrawal danger. Of clients who successfully completed detox, 95 percent had a written discharge plan that documented a referral for ongoing services. 97 percent of clients completed surveys at discharge; staff were given an average rating of 4.7 on a 5 point scale of client satisfaction.

Johnson County Mental Health Center: Adult Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program \$75,000

The Adult Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program provided integrated treatment services to 412 Johnson County adults with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. Each person received one to eight hours of weekly group counseling. Counseling sessions focus on alcohol/drug education, recovery and relapse-prevention skills, as well as helping clients understand and manage mental health issues that complicate recovery.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 78 percent of clients with dual-diagnosis stayed alcohol/drug free while participating in the program. Retaining clients for at least eight hours of integrated treatment is a goal of the program. During 2015, 55 percent of clients completed at least eight hours of treatment before discharge.

Johnson County Mental Health Center

Regional Prevention Center (RPC)/Prevention Services

\$101,772

During 2015, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) developed a new approach and structure for prevention services. Effective July 1, KDADS issued one statewide contract, instead of contracting with 10 regional centers. As a result, the Johnson County Regional Prevention Center under the umbrella of the Johnson County Mental Health Center lost prevention funding in the amount of \$244,000, and became referred to as Prevention Services. However, throughout 2015, the RPC/Prevention Services provided a range of direct prevention services and supports to Johnson County residents and organizations in areas of concern such as prescription drug abuse, and in addressing risk factors which included retail and social access, along with parental attitudes and acceptance toward problem behaviors. More specifically, ATF funds supported 1.5 FTE to provide prevention services which included 1) Responsible Beverage Service Training (TIPS), 2) Lock Your Meds Campaign/Prescription Drug Take Back, 3) Youth Leadership Summit, 4) *Strengthening Families*, and 5) substance abuse prevention presentations. Services were provided to 2,815 adults and 3,462 youth from Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: The RPC reports its outputs and outcomes as follows: 1) 26 individuals took the TIPS and passed with an average of 89.8 percent; 2) A Strengthening Families webpage was created and published within the Mental Health Center's website; 3) Over 181 youth leaders and 38 advisors, representing 27 Johnson County Schools participated in the Youth Leadership Summit. Each school created an action plan for what they hoped to accomplish over

the school year; 4) Over 100 presentations were made to adult and youth audiences. Topics of presentations were in response to expressed need of community partners; 5) Facilitated school prevention roundtable meetings which focused on enhancing best practices in prevention among public and private schools.

KidsTLC

\$40,000

The Residential Drug and Alcohol Services program at KidsTLC serves youth who reside in the agency's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). Prevention education is provided to all youth ages 12 and above in the PRTF. Clinical treatment is available to youth who are dually diagnosed with substance use disorder and mental health issues. KidsTLC utilizes *Seeking Safety*, an evidence-based treatment program for clients with history of trauma and substance abuse, and *Eye-Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing* therapy which helps youth cope with substance use triggers, cravings for substances and trauma. In addition, early in 2015 KidsTLC began using *Positive Action Prevention and Education* to treat residents in the PRTF Substance Abuse Program. During 2015, 155 youth were served (49 from Johnson County and 106 from other areas).

Outcomes achieved during 2015: At discharge, youth reported overall improvement due to services received. Indicators of this outcome were: 85 percent of youth were "somewhat confident that things will improve in their life regarding substance abuse;" 94 percent reported having a good outlook at time of discharge, compared to 7 percent at admission; and, 64 percent of youth who had a planned discharge reported a decrease in problem severity. At discharge, 78 percent of youth had at least one community follow-up recommended (an indicator of youth linked to community supports which will help sustain recovery). On a program satisfaction survey given at discharge, 95 percent of youth indicated they felt that they had sufficient access to substance abuse services and supports.

Marillac

\$30,000

Substance abuse treatment and prevention services are part of the overall inpatient and outpatient programming provided at Marillac, which serves youth ages 6-17 who have emotional and behavioral disorders. Programs include a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), psychiatric hospital (which in 2015 became a business affiliate of University of Kansas hospital), a day treatment program, and an outpatient clinic. Marillac utilizes *Seeking Safety* in group sessions with PRTF clients. Clinical treatment is available to youth who are dually diagnosed with substance use disorder. During 2015, 169 youth received substance abuse treatment and/or prevention services (104 from Johnson County and 65 from other areas).

Outcomes achieved during 2015: Youth who participated in therapy while in the PRTF reported decreased use of substances from time of admission to discharge, which included time away from Marillac on weekend passes. Indicators were: 1) number who reported using "several times" decreased from 42 percent at admission to 22 percent at discharge, 2) those who reported using substances "often" decreased from 28 percent at admission to 6 percent at discharge, and 3) those who reported no substance use increased from 14 percent at admission to 66 percent at discharge. Youth also reported improvement in school attendance and performance. Upon

admission, 33 percent of youth expressed “quite a few troubles” in attending school and getting passing grades; at discharge the percent decreased to 11. The percent of youth who reported doing “okay” in school increased from 11 percent at admission, to 50 percent at discharge. At discharge – compared to intake, youth also reported improved interaction with peers: 52 fewer youth reported having trouble interacting with peers, and 49 more youth reported they were doing okay or better interacting with peers.

Mirror

\$132,000

Mirror provided residential substance abuse treatment services to 25 clients who had co-occurring disorders of substance use and mental illness. The dual focus of substance abuse counseling and integration of substance abuse issues and mental health needs is accomplished through an individualized treatment plan, including establishing and coordinating mental health services. Additional support is provided to address housing, legal, health, and employment issues that can be a barrier to recovery. Located in Shawnee, this program addresses the needs of clients who fall below 200 percent of poverty and cannot access services in a timely manner due to limited state block grant funding.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: Of clients who completed the program, 71 percent were in compliance with all discharge recommendations 30 days following treatment. Those recommendations include continued mental health care, substance abuse aftercare, stable housing and use of support systems. Based upon a questionnaire given at admission and discharge, clients reported a 70 percent increase in confidence that they could handle high risk situations which can lead to substance use. The cumulative average that clients entering the co-occurring disorder (COD) program spent on a waiting list was 11.7 days, compared to an average wait list time of 23.5 days for clients funded by state block grant funding. Less time on a waiting list is important because the longer a person waits for treatment, the more likely they are to not follow through with the treatment when an opening in the program is available.

Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.

\$102,000

Preferred Family Healthcare served 681 Johnson County residents (531 adults and 150 youth) through outpatient substance abuse treatment provided at its office in Olathe. In addition, 88 non-Johnson County residents were served. Treatment services include outpatient and intensive outpatient individual, group and family counseling. One of only a few treatment providers approved by District Court in Johnson County, Preferred Family Healthcare maintains a fee policy that ensures no one is turned away due to inability to pay fees. During 2015, 73 percent of clients paid a reduced fee for services and 30 percent paid no fee.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: 94 percent of clients reported no new arrests while in treatment. 86 percent of clients who were randomly tested while in treatment, tested negative for substance use. 82 percent of clients who were not disabled or retired reported they were employed or involved in educational activities. 65 percent successfully completed treatment, and 99 percent reported maintaining stable housing.

SAFEHOME, Inc.

\$28,000

SAFEHOME's Substance Abuse Assessment and Referral Program served 87 Johnson County clients, and 80 shelter clients from outside the County. All new shelter clients were screened for substance abuse issues when admitted. For those with evidence of substance abuse issues, or who were referred by shelter staff, a therapist conducted an in-depth substance abuse interview. Based upon the interview results, appropriate intervention or treatment was recommended, and help was provided to access the recommended programs. The therapist continued to meet individually with those clients to offer information, assistance and support. The therapist also facilitated group sessions in which participants received information about substance abuse and discussed co-dependency problems.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: All residents who were identified as substance abusers received an appropriate referral to substance abuse services and indicated that SAFEHOME's therapist helped them to understand their need for a referral, and that they felt supported by SAFEHOME program staff.

The Family Conservancy

\$34,500

ATF supports Prevention/Screening and Referral which includes two components:

1) implementation of *Incredible Years*, an evidence-based program which targets high-risk children ages 2-8 years-old and their parents, and 2) substance abuse education and screening for all Johnson County clients served within the agency's counseling programs. During 2015 Family Conservancy piloted a program of *Incredible Years* at two sites - Growing Futures Early Education Center and Topflight Kids - which combined parenting classes with teacher training and coaching. Classes at Growing Futures were facilitated by a bi-lingual trainer, where 50 percent of the attendees were native Spanish speakers. Regarding substance abuse education and screening, all Clinical Initial Assessment sessions at the Johnson County office were followed by use of the *Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)* model where screening and intervention steps determine if a client is appropriate for individual services at The Family Conservancy, or if the client should be referred to a treatment program for substance use. Treatment planning involved consideration of resources for support, need for relapse prevention, and/or referrals for further treatment focused on substance misuse. When appropriate, participants examined the impact that family history of substance misuse may have had on their personal coping, as well as the effect substance misuse has on relationships and children. The Family Conservancy served 129 Johnson County adults and 181 youth through *Incredible Years* and screening.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: Among parents completing the *Incredible Years* program, 83 percent reported an increase in at least one protective factor, and 81 percent reported an increase in positive parenting practices. Of clients who completed individual and family counseling sessions, 83 percent successfully completed their treatment goals and improved their life functioning, and 87 percent reported they were aware of the impact of substance use on their lives and their families' lives.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION and PREVENTION PROGRAMS

For this reporting period, school districts did not have access to much of the data used in the past to measure progress towards goals identified in their ATF grant applications. Due to the Kansas Student Data Privacy Act (2014) which requires parental permission for certain information to be collected from students, Johnson County School Districts did not participate in the Communities That Care (CTC) survey during the 2014-2015 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, districts have made progress in receiving the necessary parental permission, and some hope to have a significant enough number of consents to be able to administer the CTC survey and gain useful data, as well as data from other surveys which indicate short-term progress toward outcomes associated with substance abuse programming.

Blue Valley School District

\$59,895

ATF supported funding for 15 drug/alcohol prevention coordinators at middle and high schools, and a district coordinator; Sobriety Support Groups (called Healthy Choices); Trauma Informed Care Groups (called Skills for Life); *AlcoholEdu* (an on-line program implemented in all high schools); stipends for *Reconnecting Youth* (RY) instructors and RY materials (included in Human Relations class); and, support for teachers to complete their writing of pre/post surveys for *Project Alert* and making revisions to *Project Alert* as recommended by University of Kansas consultant. Through a school roundtable session facilitated by the Johnson County Mental Health Center's Prevention Services department, Blue Valley shared its work on Project Alert with other school districts and private schools. The district served 13,689 youth and 968 students with ATF supported programs and services.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: In the spring, students in health class who participated in *AlcoholEdu* took a pre and post assessment which showed student knowledge increased by 20.2 percent. Students enrolled in the fall semester increased basic alcohol knowledge by 28 percent.

De Soto School District

\$24,020

ATF supported De Soto School District's coordinator for substance abuse programming, implementation of three evidence-based programs - *Too Good for Drugs* (all elementary students), *Reconnecting Youth* (high-risk middle and high school students), and *AlcoholEdu* (high school); as well as high school prevention clubs. District students participated in age appropriate drug/alcohol prevention activities such as Red Ribbon/National Drug Awareness Week activities. District education and prevention programs reached 7,038 students and 3,419 adults.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: The district achieved its goal that 100 percent of students would participate in prevention efforts. The district reports that following exposure to substance abuse programs, students stated strategies for making good decisions and resisting peer pressure, and students in *Reconnecting Youth* reported improved coping skills and decreased use of substances.

Gardner Edgerton School District**\$32,210**

The Gardner Edgerton School District used ATF to support the implementation of *Too Good for Drugs* and *Too Good for Violence* (K-8), *Too Good for Drugs and Violence* (high school), and *AlcoholEdu* (high school), as well as support of Drug Free clubs (activities and building sponsors). National Child Safety materials and guest speakers were used to support prevention and intervention pertaining to alcohol, drugs and tobacco with students in grades K-12, as well as their parents. In addition, ATF was used to support *Love and Logic* (classes for parents), the Parent Education/Information Evening, student participation in the Youth Leadership Summit, training for school staff in *Youth Mental Health First Aid*, Project Graduation, and a Drug Free After-Prom event. The district served 394 adults/parents and 5,652 students through ATF supported programs.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: The district's short term outcomes were increased participation of parents and community members in events and classes which target substance abuse prevention and education, and improvement in students' abilities to make sound choices in regard to alcohol and drug use. Regarding parent participation, over 50 parents and community members attended the district's Parent Information Evening. Regarding student choices, at the building level, the number of discipline incidents which involved drugs, tobacco or alcohol, decreased by 79 percent at the end of the 2014 school year (June, 2015), compared to the previous school year, and the district reports a "significant" decrease in discipline incidents during the last six months of 2015. Further, based upon discussion and other anecdotal information, the district reports students gained knowledge about dangers of alcohol through the *AlcoholEdu* curriculum.

Olathe School District**\$33,455**

ATF funding supported implementation of *Project Alert* which is embedded into middle school health curriculum, sobriety support groups (high school), student substance abuse assessments, *Life Skills* (middle school), parent education through *Guiding Good Choices* (parents of students ages 9-13 who are identified by school), and *AlcoholEdu* (high school). In total, programs served 5,897 youth and 183 adults.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: One of the district's goals with substance abuse prevention is to strengthen families through teaching parents useful skills. The district reports the parent program *Guiding Good Choices* continues to be successful; 55 sessions were offered and all parents reported that they learned the importance of being involved in their children's lives. Anecdotal information from schools about *AlcoholEdu* was positive, and the district plans to provide the curriculum in all four high schools in 2016.

Shawnee Mission School District**\$50,000**

ATF supported the Shawnee Mission School District's implementation of two evidence-based programs - *AlcoholEdu* (all high schools) and *Second Step* (all middle and elementary schools). During the first six months of 2015, ATF also supported the district's Drug Free After-School Clubs which used the *Too Good for Drugs* program. Drug Free After-School Clubs were implemented

within fewer schools during second semester of 2014-15 school year (15 elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school), and discontinued in fall of 2015. Club meetings included topics on healthy alternatives to substances, de-stressing, goal setting, and conflict resolution. During 2015 the district's prevention programs reached 5,932 youth and 102 adults.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: The district is using the number of discipline incidents which involved tobacco, alcohol and drugs as a calendar year indicator of the effectiveness of *AlcoholEdu* and *Second Step*. Data collected for 2015 will serve as a baseline. However, a comparison between two semesters in 2015, shows a substantial decrease in number of incidents of drug use, possession, and sale, and in number of tobacco use and possession incidents. Regarding school year 2014-15, students who participated in *AlcoholEdu* took a pre and post assessment which indicated student knowledge increased by 40 percent.

Spring Hill School District

\$18,495

The Spring Hill School District received ATF funding to support four evidence-based programs *Project Alert* (middle school), *Al's Pals: Kids Making Health Choices* (all kindergarten classes), *AlcoholEdu* (high school), and *Peer Assistance Leadership* (PAL), a peer-helping program with structured curriculum; and, *Students Against Destructive Decisions* (SADD – high school). Students in peer-led SADD organized activities during Red Ribbon Week included a Tobacco Awareness and Prevention activity/presentation with 7th graders, Grim Reaper activity at the high school, be-YOU-tiful campaign, Prom Mock Car Crash, and the Spring Hill community 5K. 1,171 students and 62 adults were served in the district's substance abuse prevention programs.

Outcomes achieved during 2015: The district achieved its goal of implementing *AlcoholEdu* as a component of the 9th grade health and physical education course, and reports that students say the curriculum had a positive impact upon their lives. The district's outcome of decreasing the number of PAL program participants who have a discipline referral was achieved during the last six months of 2015 (none were reported); three referrals were made in first six months. During 2015 PAL student mentors reported they talked to 97 students about drug issues and 145 students about alcohol.

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