

Partnerships for Success Brief Overview



Background

Partnerships for Success (PFS-II) is an initiative between the Centers for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), the state of Wisconsin, and nine counties/tribes to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12-25. The specific goals of PFS-II are to:

- Reduce non-medical/un-authorized availability of and access to prescription drugs among 12-25 year olds within sub-recipient geographic areas.
- Establish a statewide systematic surveillance system to identify prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Community Advocates received PFS-II funding from Milwaukee County to participate in the initiative. Given how this initiative maps onto Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition's (MCSAP) priority to reduce drug deaths related to overdose, the project is managed through MCSAP. Several strategies are used to achieve PFS-II's goals (see figure below).



Geographic Target Population Selection

Two of the strategies, the increase in DRE and the enhancement of state SEOW, will be implemented county-wide in collaboration with the state. This decision was made based on the direction from the state and the nature of the strategies. The other three strategies will be employed in collaboration with the other local coalitions that are currently part of MCSAP. These include West Allis West Milwaukee (WAWM) Coalition, and Franklin Area Parents and Students United (FAPSU). This approach was selected based on three primary criteria- 1) lack of sub-county/city level data regarding risk for prescription drug abuse to further identify communities at risk, 2) MCSAP's ability to capitalize on current capacity of already existing coalitions, and 3) the resulting mix of urban (n=1) and suburban (n=2) county communities for the project which leads to more diversity in target population and ability to pilot prescription drug prevention efforts in multiple places.

Needs Assessment

In order to better target this priority, MCSAP and Community Advocates conducted a needs assessment to understand its overdose problem including the number of drop-boxes, the number of DREs, and country data sources. More information will be collected to determine the readiness of key local leaders (e.g. MPS, police, medical community) to engage in environmental changes to tackle the MCSAP priorities as well as the current resources available for the efforts.

Implementation

Implementation of the strategies within the 3 regions began during the fall of 2013 (October), and will continue through September 2015. Representatives of the Milwaukee County Partners (MCSAP, WAWM, & FAPSU) began monthly partnership meetings during September 2013 to plan their strategies and collaborate across groups. Due to community strengths and needs for reducing overdose in each area, each coalition selected a specific component of the PFS to focus on during the grant. MCSAP's focus is Disposal (within the city of Milwaukee, WAWM's focus is Prescriber Education, while FAPSU is focused on Community Education. Sample activities include the following:

Disposal- MCSAP	Prescriber Education- WAWM	Community Education- FAPSU
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Assure permanent dropbox•Take-backs•Collaborate with local PD on drop-box and take-back•Use PFS signage•Advertise drop-box•Customize disposal information/ brochures•Educate school nurses•Assure protocols in medical facilities are in place for disposal and take-back•Research incendiary sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Collaborate with WI Medical Society to educate about abuse and addiction•Education on prescribing practices•Training on doctor shopping, theft, fraud•Train allied health professionals•Establish best practices for prescribing practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Educator- presentations, DITEP training, resource packet•PD-DRE, DITEP training, RxPATROL•Parent- presentation, and resource packet•Older Adult- presentation, resource packet•Pharmacy- information dissemination, participation in take-back/drop-box•Buisness- presentation, resource packet for general and at risk

SEOW- Done in collaboration with the state at the county level.

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MCSAP's Prescription Drug Workgroup

The city of Milwaukee, through MCSAP aims to increase the proper disposal of expired and unused prescription drugs in Milwaukee County by establishing a coordinated local system for providing secure, convenient disposal of consumer medications for community members, with additional focus on law enforcement, schools, and hospitals/clinics. The main outcomes of these efforts will be:

- Increased knowledge of disposal procedures, and;
- Increased disposal options (i.e., take-backs and drop boxes).

MCSAP is convening an Rx Workgroup made up of key stakeholders and interested parties to gather input/knowledge to contribute to the design of MCSAP's implementation plan, and to assist in carrying-out these efforts.

Evaluation

Overall project evaluation is conducted by the UW Population Health Institute. Tracking documents are due quarterly, including; April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. On-line surveys will be sent to collect necessary data.