

Grantee Profile

Butte County

Butte Youth Impact (BYI)

BYI will address the AOD prevention needs of three priority populations of youth: foster youth, youth of substance abusing parents and high rate users/binge drinkers. Friday Night Live programming will be delivered on three alternative high school campuses and in one group home. Impact Mentoring and STARS for Families will be implemented at two middle school sites. BYI goals are to increase protective factors by providing skill building opportunities; decrease risk factors, particularly young peoples use and exposure to ATOD and violence; implement projects that are designed to elicit community or neighborhood-wide social norm, or policy change; and, to engage young people in opportunities that provide a youth development framework that supports young people as change agents.

PROGRAM COMPONENT 1. *Friday Night Live programming will be implemented to prevent and decrease risk factors and strengthen resilient traits and protective factors among selective and indicated youth.*

- School/Community Projects
- Youth Development Activities
- Environmental Prevention Projects

Population(s) Served

- Youth who exhibit high-risk/binge drinking behavior
- Foster youth
- Youth of Substance Abuse Parents/Caregivers.

Program Settings

- Rock Creek group home
- Alternative high school campuses, Fairview, Esperanza and Prospect (Continuation)

PROGRAM COMPONENT 2. *Reduce and prevent AOD use among indicated population of middle-school students through implementation of Stars for Families.*

Population(s) Served

- 7th & 8th grade students exhibiting multiple risk factors
- Family members of middle-school youth participants

PROGRAM COMPONENT 3. *Reduce and prevent AOD use among indicated population of middle-school students through implementation of Impact Mentoring Program.*

Population(s) Served

- 7th & 8th grade students exhibiting multiple risk factors

Science-Based Criteria

STARS for Families – SAMHSA Model Program

Program Strategies

- Youth development
- Mentoring
- ATOD/Violence Prevention
- Environmental Prevention

Risk Characteristics of Target Population

- Rate of Butte juvenile arrests for alcohol and drug offenses is twice the state average
- 30% of 9th graders report five or more drinks in a couple of hours in past 30 days (CHKS, 2006)
- Youth identified their families as important points of access for ATOD (CHKS, 2006)
- Youth lack support and opportunities to be connected to school and community
- Higher county rates of foster placement, parental substance abuse, truancy and juvenile crime.

Planning and Collaboration

Butte Youth Impact is a collaborative effort between Butte County Office of Education, Oroville Unified School District, Gridley Unified School District, Chico Unified School district as well as the individual school sites and group home. Butte County Behavioral Health counseling center will coordinate the referral process for youth needing additional support or treatment. Link and Livespot programs will address the needs of homeless youth. The partners have a successful history of effectively working together. Additional stakeholders include parents and community members.

Evaluation

BCDBH implements a youth evaluation team model and partners with the Youth Leadership Institute and Gary Bess Associates as outside evaluators to implement an evaluation that includes both quantitative and qualitative data. Instruments include: Environmental Prevention Survey, Pre/Post Skill Survey, and Youth Development Survey, participant interviews and parent focus groups.

Sample Performance Indicators

- Environmental Prevention Survey
- YD Survey
- Pre/Post Skill Survey
- Participant Interviews
- Parent Focus groups
- Community assessment/CHKS data

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