

Grantee Profile

San Bernardino County

Kinship Matters

The County of San Bernardino proposes to provide prevention services to foster youth and their caregivers. This program will be implemented with an objective to reduce risk factors while building resiliency across several domains. Participants move through a continuum of services to develop resiliency as each phase is completed with additional support through community/environmental work. Data collection occurs at each transitional phase followed by yearly evaluation. By program end, caregivers will improve parenting skills. Children/youth will decrease use/criminal involvement, while increasing academic achievement. Access/availability to alcohol and drugs will decrease and safe and drug-free learning environments will be established.

PROGRAM COMPONENT 1. *Program youth will reduce substance use, increase school achievement & decrease school criminal involvement.*

Population(s) Served

- 350 students will be reached by the expansion, including youth who exhibit high rate/binge drinking behaviors

Program Settings

- Community-based, Youth Empowerment Service Center

Science-Based Criteria

CASASTART Striving Together to Achieve Rewarded Tomorrows) - SAMHSA model program

Program Strategies

- Youth development framework
- Direct services for youth including case management
- Direct support services for caregivers
- Opportunities for youth leadership
- Opportunities for parent or caregiver involvement
- Coordination among stakeholder agencies

Risk Characteristics of Target Population

- Parent drug use
- Foster parent failure to access needed services
- High risk AOD use tolerated in neighborhoods

Planning and Collaboration

DBH-ADS Program director will develop partnerships, convening the Coordinating Committee (system coordination focus) and Advisory Committee (program planning focus). Partnerships include: County Office of Education, Department of Children's Services, County Juvenile Probation, San Bernardino Police and selected community-based organizations. Parents and other caregivers will participate at three levels, Service recipients, advisors, and peer advocates.

Evaluation

The data will be managed by the program director and staff, analyzed by the evaluator and shared at annual intervals with Coordinating Committee and Advisory Committee. Data will be collected at several levels, archival data by stakeholder agencies, program youth participant data, pre/post CHKS, etc., program family/caregiver participant data (satisfaction surveys, service tracking, etc) and Program stakeholder data, (attendance at committee meetings, satisfaction surveys).

Sample Performance Indicators

- CHKS aggregate data on substance use
- Pre/post anonymous CHKS module G from program youth
- Satisfaction surveys form youth and caregivers
- Stakeholder agency surveys

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