

Issue Area (2):

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment

I. Goal Statement: The needs and voices of communities of color should be represented at every stage of the fight against alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

Action Items:

- A.** Change norms in communities of color toward the importance of prevention and treatment of substance abuse and mental health treatment through community education and outreach.
- B.** Close information gaps by collecting quantitative and qualitative data on alcohol and drug use and abuse in communities of color. (Refer to page 7, item I.A.)
- C.** Require state divisions to involve more people of color in the provision and administration of prevention services and treatment to communities of color through contractual provisions between DHS and counties.
- D.** Develop model processes and shared standards among DHS divisions that are based on community needs in order to implement culturally appropriate services. Areas to include: male role models of color, language interpretation services, sign language, treatment modalities for addressing alcohol and substance abuse issues.
- E.** Work directly with Tribes and urban Indian programs to develop culturally appropriate models for prevention and treatment.

| POLICY | BUDGET | LEGISLATIVE | RESPONSIBLE |
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| X | X | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Senior & Disabled Service Division |
| X | X | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Oregon Health Plan Policy & Research, Oregon Medical Assistance Program, Oregon Progress Board |
| X | | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division) |
| X | X | X | Dept of Human Services (lead department), Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs, Senior & Disabled Services Division, Mental Health & Developmental Disability Services Division |
| X | | | Dept of Human Services (lead department), Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs |

- II. **Goal Statement:** Take steps to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse from beginning and intervene early and effectively in cases of substance abuse.

Action Items:

- A. Advocate for changes in business and advertising practices that target people of color. For example, explore methods to get the liquor industry to fund advertising to discourage underage drinking in communities of color.
- B. Through contractual provisions between DHS and counties, add prevention dollars to alcohol, tobacco and other drug services in communities of color. Conduct community outreach to inform community members about the availability of treatment and prevention resources. Implement “drug free” housing programs and utilize mentors as a prevention strategy.
- C. Educate medical providers to identify alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse as a health issue of importance to racial and ethnic communities and make culturally appropriate referrals. DHS shall require any contract between the department and health plan organizations and managed care organizations to educate their medical providers to be culturally sensitive and make sure they subcontract with providers that represent communities of color.
- D. Target community programs to address youth perceptions of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and integrate substance abuse education with youth violence initiatives.

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| X | X | X | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Oregon Housing and Community Services, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, <i>Grocers Association</i> ¹ |
| X | X | X | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Oregon Liquor Control Commission |
| X | | X | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Oregon University System, Dept of Community Colleges & Workforce Development, <i>Oregon Medical Association</i> ² |
| X | X | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Oregon Youth Authority |

¹ Non-State Partner

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III. **Goal Statement:** Ensure that substance abuse treatment services adequately serve the needs of racial and ethnic communities.

Action Items:

- A. Expand the availability of quality residential services for communities of color in community-based, minority-operated settings. Address the gaps in residential treatment facilities that compromise the care of adults with older children, seniors and youth.
- B. Require treatment facilities to address the needs of families of individuals with alcohol and/or drug problems as a part of the treatment plan. Provide family counseling, drug-free housing and other support services.
- C. Require that treatment dollars are used in the most effective manner and evaluated to meet community needs based on appropriate, identified outcomes. Identify best practices and fund treatment programs that provide the most effective and culturally specific services.
- D. Provide treatment for alcohol and drug abusers before they enter the adult and/or juvenile justice systems to avoid using the correctional facilities as treatment programs.
- E. Address the discontinuity in insurance coverage and health care that follows incarceration for many released prisoners.

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| X | X | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division) |
| X | | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Mental Health & Developmental Disability Services Division |
| X | | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division) |
| X | | | Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (lead division), Dept of Corrections, Oregon Youth Authority, Oregon Medical Assistance Program, Insurance Pool Governing Board |
| X | | | Dept of Corrections (lead department), Oregon Youth Authority, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs, DCBS-Insurance Pool, Oregon Medical Assistance Program |