

Lawrence County
Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Single County Authority (SCA)

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I. **Mission Statement**

The Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission is committed to ensuring that quality drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment services are provided for Lawrence County residents and to developing innovative programs to meet the needs of our community.

II. **Background**

The Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. (LCDAC) is a non-profit organization. Incorporated in 1990, LCDAC has been designated by the County Commissioners as the Single County Authority (SCA) for the planning, coordination and administration of drug and alcohol services for Lawrence County. In 1990, the SCA was established as a “Private Executive Commission” model contracting with the County. In January 2006, it changed to an “Independent Commission” model contracting directly with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. It is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven members representing the community at large.

As a governing entity, the Board of Directors is responsible for SCA oversight. This is accomplished through board and committee (Executive, Finance, Program and Personnel) meetings. The SCA Executive Director reports directly to the Board of Directors. Refer to Appendix A – “Lawrence County SCA Organizational Chart.”

The SCA provides a full continuum of drug and alcohol services. Internally, the SCA provides the following services:

- Administrative
- Prevention
 - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD)
 - Tobacco Control Program
- Intervention
 - Jail
 - Middle and Elementary Student Assistance Program (K-6)
 - Student Assistance Program (7-12)
- Case Management
 - Assessment and Referral
 - Intensive Case Management

The SCA contracts with local and/or out-of-county providers for the following services:

- Prevention
 - Tobacco Control Program
- Intervention
 - Adolescent
 - Adult
- Treatment
 - Inpatient Non-Hospital Detoxification and Residential
 - Inpatient Hospital Detoxification and Residential
 - Partial Hospitalization
 - Outpatient (including services provided in the Lawrence County Jail)
 - Intensive Outpatient
 - Methadone Maintenance
 - Halfway House
- Shelter
 - Women and Women w/Children

During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the SCA contracted with the following providers for in-county services:

- Drug and Alcohol Intervention, Treatment and Shelter
 - Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh - New Castle (Intervention, Outpatient)
 - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County (Shelter)
 - Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc. (Outpatient)
 - Highland House/Highland House Outpatient (Intervention, Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Halfway House)
 - White Deer Run-New Castle (Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient)

- Tobacco Control Prevention, Cessation and Enforcement
 - Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh - New Castle (Prevention)
 - Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County (Prevention)
 - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County (Prevention)
 - Adagio Health (Cessation)
 - Eckerd's Pharmacy (Cessation)
 - Jameson Health System (Prevention, Cessation)
 - Lawrence County Cares (Prevention)
 - Lawrence County Sheriff's Department (Enforcement)
 - Police Departments - Ellwood City, New Wilmington, Neshannock, New Castle, Northwest Lawrence Regional, and Shenango (Enforcement)

The Drug and Alcohol Provider Task Force meets to provide program updates and address local drug and alcohol issues.

III. **SCA Organizational Information**

Lawrence County Commissioners:

Dan Vogler, Chairperson
Steve Craig
Edward Fosnaught

SCA Board of Directors (June 2006):

Susan Ascione, Vice-President
Peggy A. Berkley
Judge J. Craig Cox
Thomas L. Johnston, Jr., President
Erica Mooney
Jesse Moss
Georgia Ross, Treasurer/Secretary
Deborah Taylor
Glenn Todd
Nick A. Turco, Jr., Esquire
Cathy Wigton

IV. **Major Accomplishments**

Administrative

- In January 2006, the SCA changed from a “Private Executive Commission” to an “Independent Commission” model.
- The SCA coordinated/sponsored several training events to educate parents, school personnel and other community professionals. The Philadelphia Narcotics Bureau’s Heads-Up Program was provided in four school districts and to the general public with over 1,100 attendees. Other trainings included HIV and Substance Abuse, Co-Occurring Disorders, Drug Subculture and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, TB and Hepatitis. There were approximately 35 participants at each training.
- The SCA continued participation in the local initiative with Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Juvenile Probation and Children and Youth to develop a comprehensive Children and Family Integrated Plan as required by the Department of Public Welfare.
- The SCA, in conjunction with the Lawrence County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, continued to manage the HealthChoices Program (Pennsylvania’s public behavioral health managed care program) for the County of Lawrence.
- The SCA participated in a county-wide initiative focusing on prisoner re-entry. This initiative was developed by Community Alternatives and has representatives from key agencies such as Adult Probation, State Parole, Adult Literacy, Office of

Vocational Rehabilitation, Human Services Center, Social Services, Crisis Shelter and the SCA with the goal of reducing recidivism in our community. This initiative is ongoing.

- The SCA also participated on the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, which is an initiative driven by the I CARE House and Community Development Corporation in an attempt to secure grant funds for this project. This initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime and corresponding social problems. It aims to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, drug abuse and gang activity to improve the quality of life in a community. The Committee continues to work on building collaboration with community leaders and developing a community needs/problems assessment.

Prevention (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs)

- During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the SCA's Prevention Unit provided Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) education to 9,405 youth through single and recurring services.
- The SCA continues to be committed to providing evidence-based programming. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the Prevention Unit utilized the *Too Good for Drugs II* curriculum to provide approximately 2,100 students in six school districts with evidence-based programming. The number of students reached signifies an eight percent increase from last fiscal year. Refer to Appendix B - "Prevention Program Evaluation" for pre- and post-test results.
- Approximately 1,840 kindergarten through third-grade students participated in the SCA's "Don't Go Extinct, Be Drug Free" education/t-shirt initiative, a 119 percent increase from the "Too Cool for Drugs" education/t-shirt initiative in fiscal year 2004/2005.
- The SCA educated approximately 1,350 adults through various programs. This represents an 18 percent increase from last fiscal year.
- The SCA coordinated the presentation of the Philadelphia Narcotic Bureau's Heads-Up Program in Lawrence County for the third year. The program, presented in four school districts, reached 1,100 students and 90 adults.
- The SCA's alternative activities mini-grant program impacted 2,650 students in eight school districts and one vocational school by providing funds for school-sponsored ATOD-free activities. This figure represents a 192 percent increase from 2004/2005. In addition to this mini-grant program, the prevention unit also impacted 5,480 residents through other various ATOD-free alternative activities, a 151 percent increase from last year.
- For the fourth year, the SCA sponsored its Annual Alcohol Awareness Poster Program in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Health and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's (PLCB) State Alcohol Awareness Poster Program. The SCA received 531 entries from students in kindergarten

through twelfth grade. Thirty-seven local winners received gift cards, and their posters were forwarded to the PLCB for the state competition. Thirteen of the local winning posters were featured on billboards throughout the county.

- The SCA sponsored its first Annual Commercial Media Contest during the fall of 2005. The SCA received 30 entries from high school students and recognized three local youth as winners. The contest winners recorded their commercials for use on a local radio station.
- For the second year, the SCA collaborated with the Lawrence County DUI Program to sponsor two Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) trainings for server/sellers of alcohol in the county. RAMP, a program designed by the PLCB, focuses on the reduction of serving alcohol to visibly intoxicated persons and minors. Sixty-nine server/sellers attended the trainings, which also included the globally-recognized Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS).
- The SCA collaborated with numerous Lawrence County entities to create Lawrence County Connections, a prevention collaborative designed to address problems in the areas of Community Safety, Health, Economic Stability, Seniors, Housing, and Children/Youth/Family.
- As an approved Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network Associate Center through the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the SCA disseminated more than 25,800 alcohol, tobacco, drug and other health-related materials at no cost to schools, agencies, residents, etc.
- Refer to Appendix C – “Services Provided” (ATOD Prevention).

Prevention (Tobacco Control Program)

During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission’s Tobacco Control Program continued services in an effort to decrease the effects of tobacco on our county. The SCA maintained collaboration with local law enforcement, school districts and community agencies in an effort to raise awareness and prevent our youth from becoming tobacco users. Some of the 2005/2006 highlights include:

- Seven school districts in Lawrence County had active BUSTED! youth groups. Membership in these groups increased from 350 youth in September to 480 in June, which represents a 37 percent increase over the 2005/2006 school year.
- The Tobacco Control Program, through Jameson Health System, educated 274 patients through its inpatient smoking education program.
- The SCA, Jameson Health System and Eckerd’s Pharmacy continued its partnership to offer free Nicotine Replacement Therapy to uninsured Lawrence County residents who participate in the Smoke Free for Life cessation classes.
- Cessation classes were provided to 60 adults by Jameson Health System.

- Cessation classes were provided to 23 adolescents through Jameson Health System's Smokeless Saturday program.
- The Tobacco Control Program provided tobacco prevention programming to 6,200 youth. More than 860 of these students were reached through *Too Good for Drugs II*, a ten-week evidence-based curriculum, a 7.5 percent increase from the 2004/2005 fiscal year. Refer to Appendix B - "Prevention Program Evaluation" for pre- and post-test results.
- Approximately 3,400 youth participated in alternative activities through BUSTED! group mini-grant programs.
- As mandated by the Department of Health, the SCA conducts tobacco compliance checks (i.e. sales to minors) on all Lawrence County Tobacco Retailers. The sale rate to minors for fiscal year 2005/2006 was 9.4 percent, a decrease from 14 percent in fiscal year 2004/2005.

Intervention

- The SCA continued to provide drug and alcohol intervention services in the Lawrence County Jail. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, there were 338 participants.
- The SCA continued to provide Student Assistance Program (SAP) services in all eight school districts and one vocational-technical school. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the SAP case manager received 54 referrals and completed 52 comprehensive assessments. In collaboration with the regional PA Network for Student Assistance Services and the Human Services Center, Lawrence County provided two SAP County Coordination meetings. Representatives from each school district were present at these meetings in addition to the regional SAP Coordinator. Topics for the meetings included presentations by two school administrators regarding their school dress code and drug testing and another focused on the Teen Screen Survey to identify and reduce teen suicide. The SCA and the Human Services Center also coordinated the annual SAP Recognition Banquet with approximately 40 core team members in attendance. The SAP liaison also participated on one school's drug testing policy committee.
- The SCA continued to provide the Middle and Elementary Student Assistance Program (MESAP). This program, provided in collaboration with the Human Services Center and funded through HealthChoices Reinvestment, targets "at risk" kindergarten through sixth-grade youth. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, SCA MESAP staff completed 159 assessments. SCA MESAP staff also provided 396 intervention hours addressing coping skills, anger management, self-esteem, peer pressure and social skills.
- The SCA continued to fund the adolescent intervention program utilizing HealthChoices Reinvestment funds. These services were provided by Catholic Charities to 71 adolescents.

- The SCA continued to fund Family Education/Support Intervention services utilizing HealthChoices Reinvestment funds. These services, provided by Highland Outpatient, reached 81 adults and continue to be well received in the community.
- Refer to Appendix C – “Services Provided” (Intervention).

Treatment

- Due to provider staffing issues, the jail treatment program was only provided from July through September 2005. During this time, 74 hours of treatment were provided to 15 participants.
- Refer to Appendix C – “Services Provided” (Treatment).

Case Management

- During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the Case Management Unit completed 1,561 assessments representing a slight increase from the previous year.
- A Case Manager and the Case Management Supervisor received re-certification for their Co-Occurring Disorders Professional certification through the Pennsylvania Certification Board.
- Two Case Managers received re-certification for their Certified Case Manager certification through the Pennsylvania Certification Board.
- The Forensic Liaison Case Management Specialist position, which is funded by HealthChoices Reinvestment, targets criminal justice offenders in an attempt to reduce treatment episodes and recidivism. Duties include completing assessments in the Lawrence County Jail. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, 54 of the 59 individuals assessed in jail were admitted to inpatient drug and alcohol treatment.
- The SCA provided Intensive Case Management services to 62 individuals representing a 51 percent increase from last fiscal year.
- The SCA collaborated with the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP) regarding its Supportive Housing Initiative. This initiative provides housing and support services to individuals with substance abuse disorders who meet HUD criteria for homelessness. The SCA provided Intensive Case Management services to the eight individuals participating in this program. So far, the program has been a success with two individuals graduating after attaining a level of self-sufficiency and establishing financial independence.

V. SCA Case Management System

The Lawrence County SCA operates as the main point of entry for the assessment and referral process for all levels of care. Upon initial contact, a screening determines whether an emergency

appointment is needed. If not, an assessment appointment is scheduled within seven calendar days as required by the Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs. Once the assessment and level of care determination are complete, the individual is offered a choice of providers and referred to the appropriate level of treatment. Intensive Case Management services are offered to those individuals with multiple needs such as housing, employment, educational and medical.

To ensure efficient use of resources and sufficient funding for drug and alcohol treatment throughout the fiscal year, the SCA placed limitations on inpatient treatment for incarcerated individuals. Specifically, the SCA limited jail assessments to pregnant women, individuals needing medically managed detoxification and/or individuals who have not had inpatient rehabilitation in the last three years. The SCA continued to fund drug and alcohol intervention and treatment services provided in the Lawrence County Jail.

VI. Client Demographics

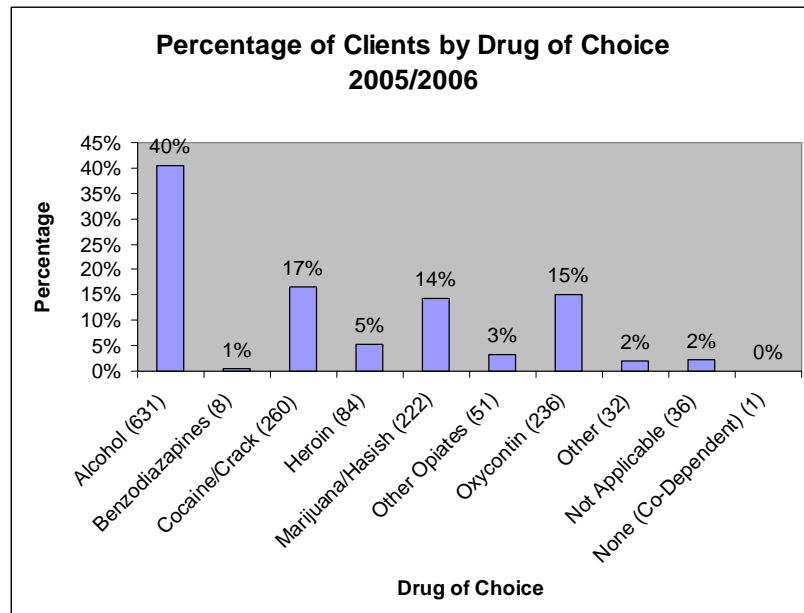
During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the SCA Case Management Unit completed 1,561 assessments. Refer to Appendix C for information on treatment services provided.

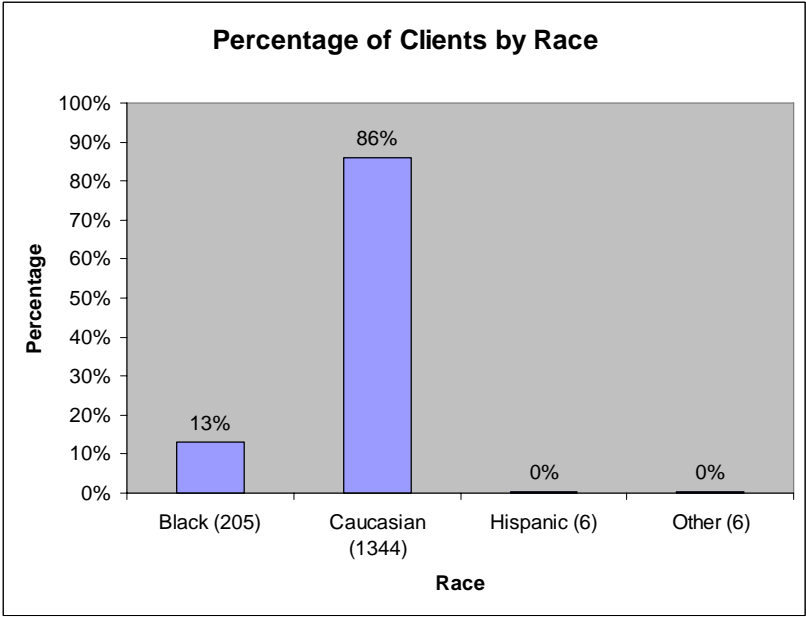
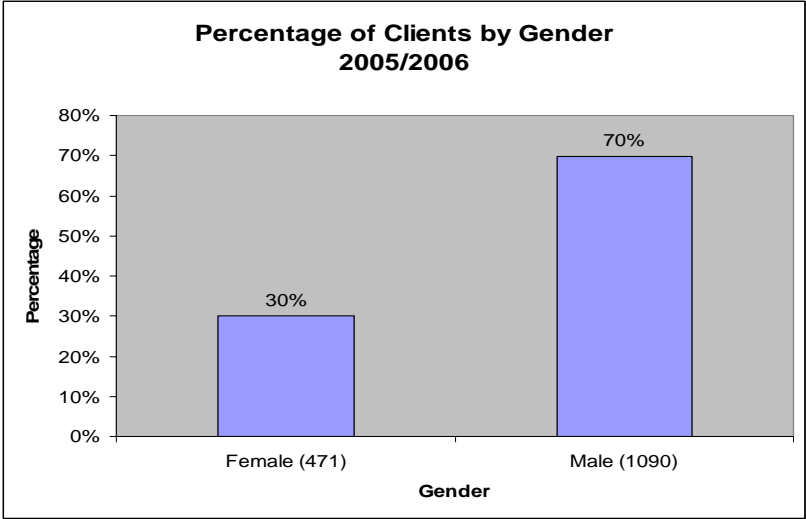
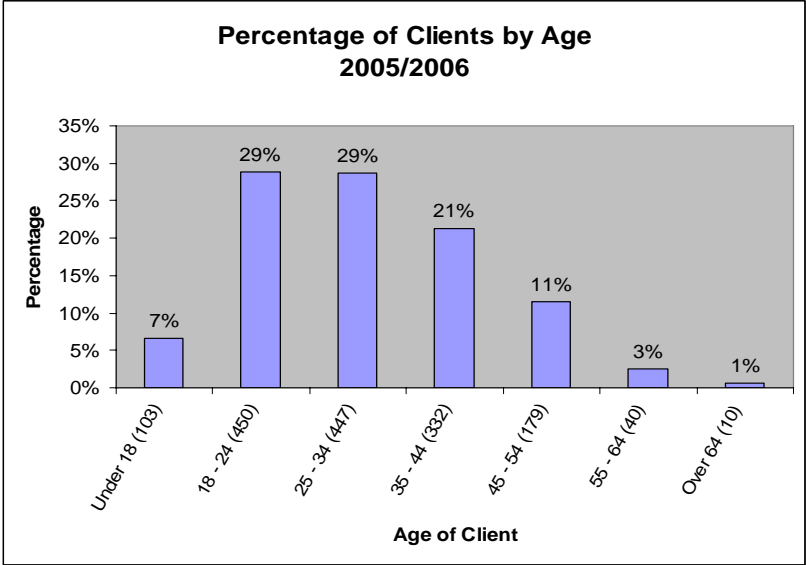
During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the number of individuals reporting OxyContin® as his/her primary drug of choice increased 29 percent (236 vs. 183) from the previous fiscal year.

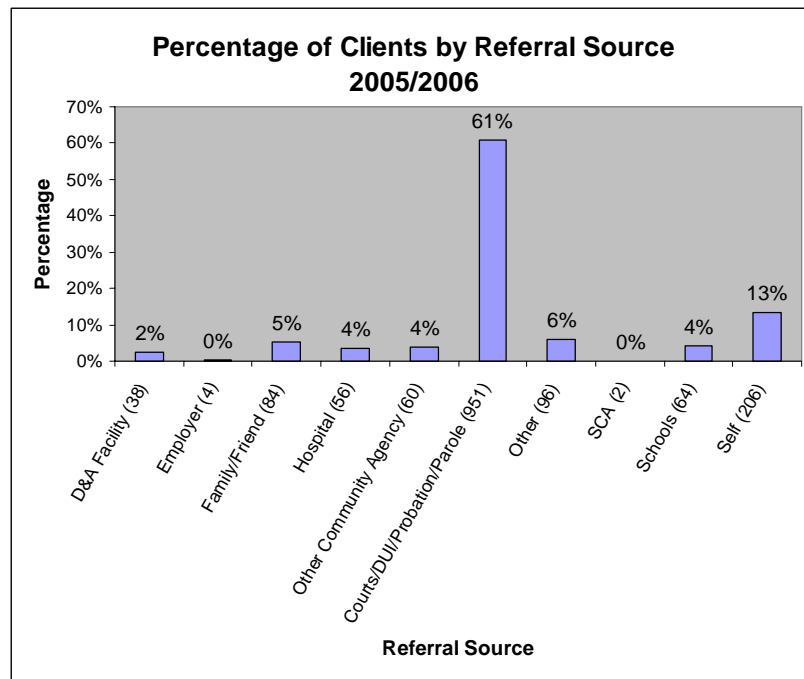
Individuals reporting heroin as their first, second or third drug of choice have increased from 123 to 179, representing a 46 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. Fifty-six percent of the individuals reporting heroin use were under the age of 25.

Injecting drug use among young adults increased significantly. Individuals under the age of 25 reporting injecting drugs increased from 44 to 67, representing a 52 percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

The following demographics reflect only those **1,561** individuals assessed by the SCA Case Management Unit.



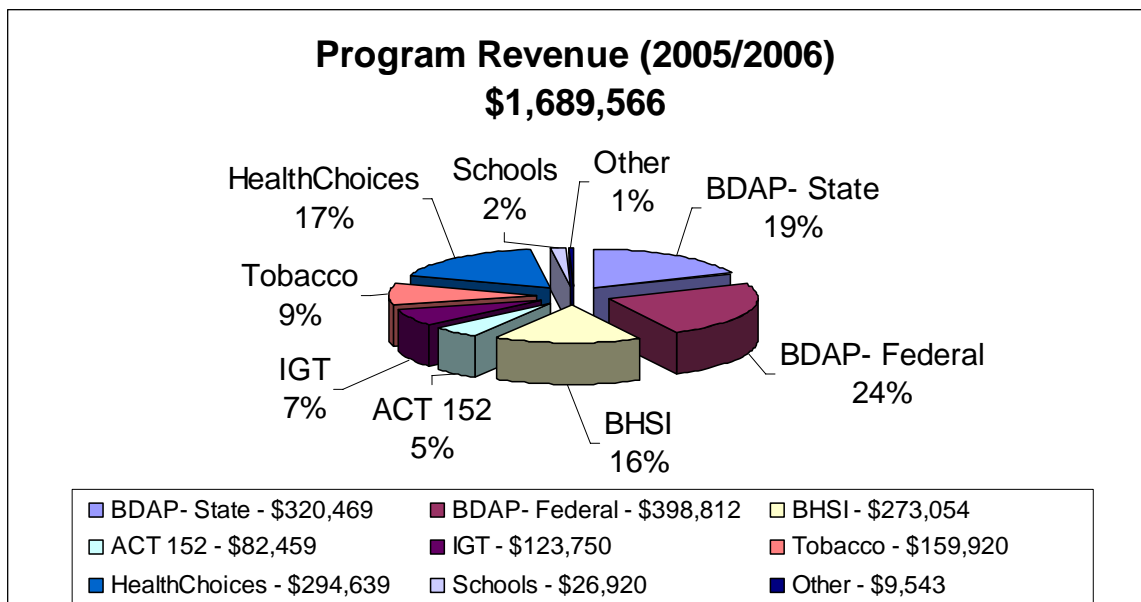




VII. Fiscal Information

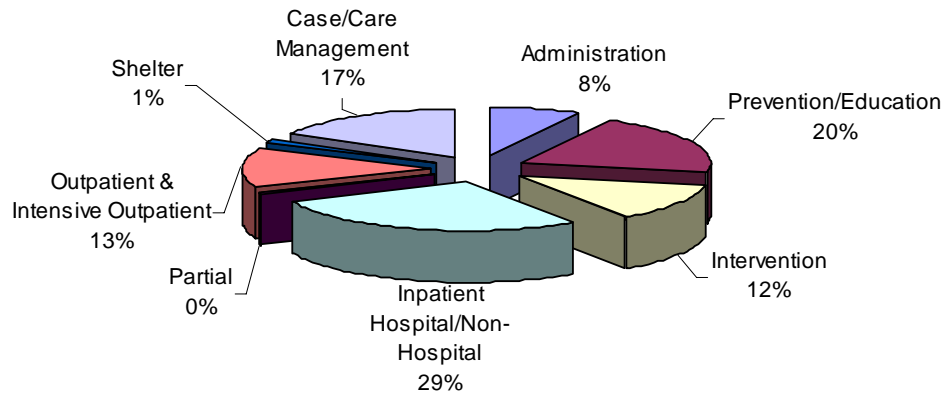
The annual audit is completed by a certified public accountant and submitted to county, state and federal authorities. These audits are kept on file at the SCA office and are available upon request.

The SCA receives funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs and Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction; Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS); and other sources. The Departments of Health and Welfare disclaim responsibility for any analyses, interpretations or conclusions herein.



Program Expense (2005/2006)

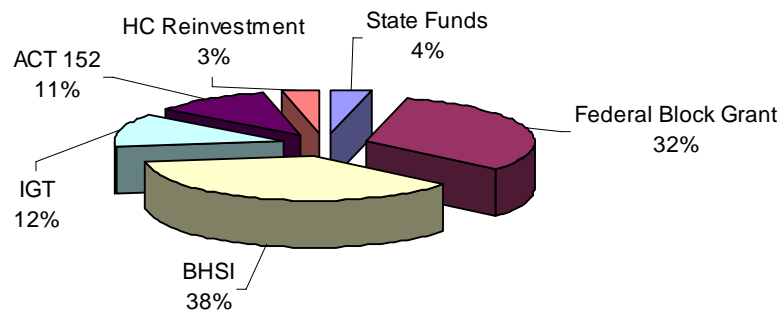
\$1,689,566



- Administration - \$133,458
- Prevention/Education - including Tobacco Control Program - \$342,774
- Intervention - including SAP, MESAP & Jail - \$210,439
- Inpatient Hospital/Non-Hospital - including DX, R, HH - \$470,700
- Partial - \$6,023
- Outpatient & Intensive Outpatient - \$227,592
- Shelter - \$10,000
- Case/Care Management - including Assessment/Referral & ICM - \$288,580

Funds Utilized for Treatment (2005/2006)

\$704,314

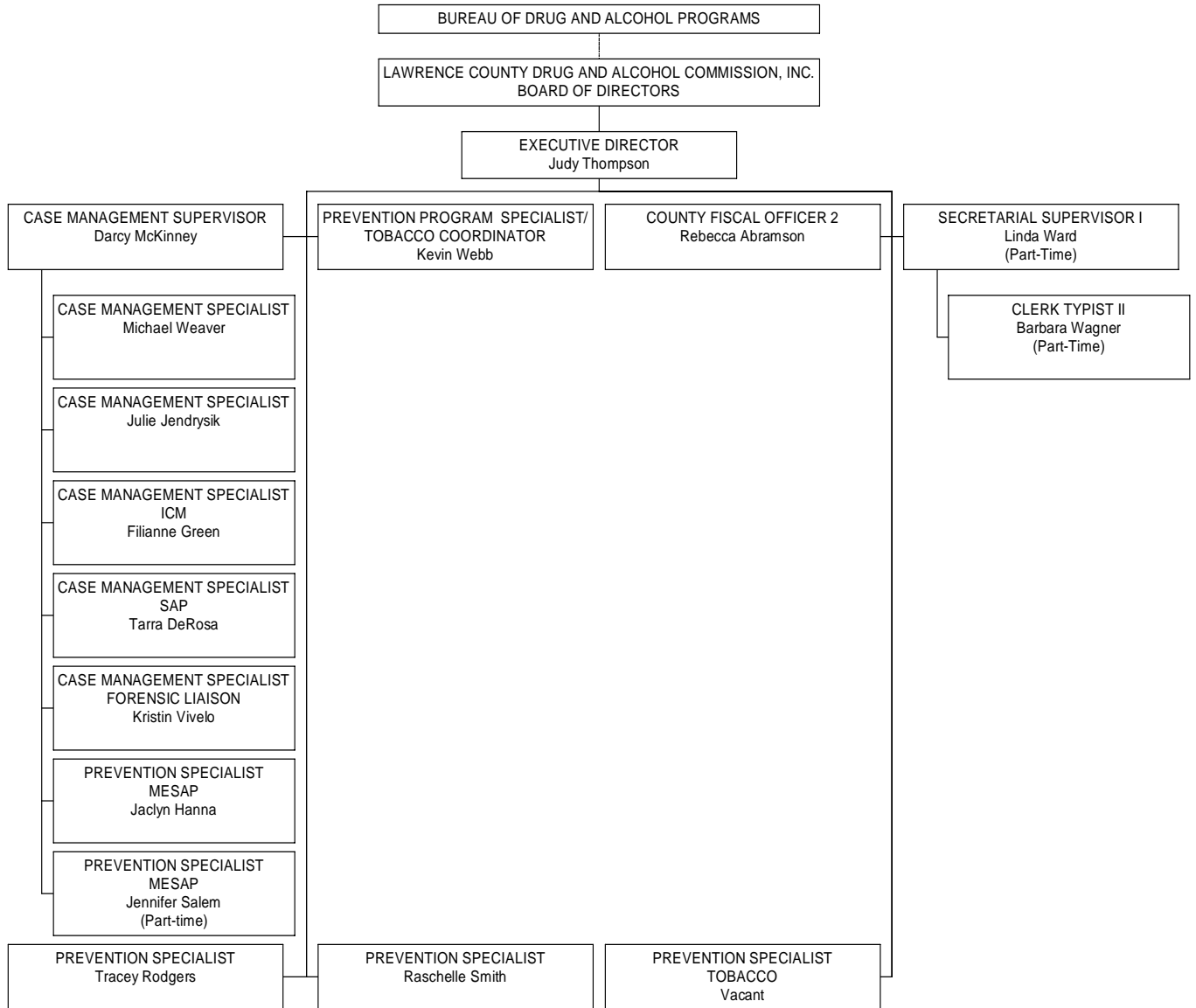


- State Funds - \$27,026
- Federal Block Grant - \$227,263
- Behavioral Health Services Initiative - BHSI - \$260,084
- Intergovernmental Transfer - IGT - \$86,766
- ACT 152 - \$78,542
- HC Reinvestment - \$24,633

APPENDIX A

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

(June 2006)



APPENDIX B

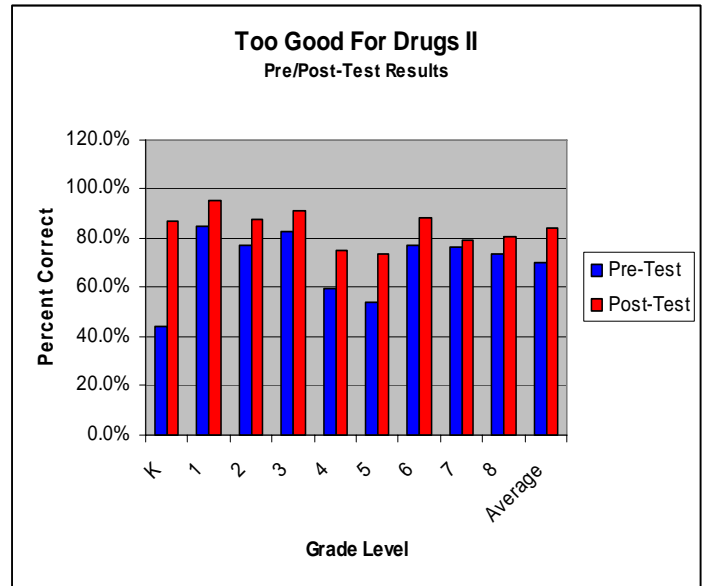
PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION

EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA

Evidence-based prevention programs are those that have been proven to produce positive outcomes. During 2005/2006, the SCA evaluated its prevention programs by pre- and post-testing participants' knowledge of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs using tests provided with the curricula. The results show an increase of knowledge in all of the grade levels and are as follow:

Too Good For Drugs II

Grade	Pre	Post	Change
K	44.0%	87.3%	43.3%
1	84.9%	95.6%	10.7%
2	76.9%	87.7%	10.8%
3	82.9%	90.9%	8.0%
4	59.4%	75.0%	15.6%
5	54.0%	73.7%	19.7%
6	77.4%	88.1%	10.7%
7	76.3%	79.4%	3.1%
8	73.6%	80.7%	7.1%
Average	69.9%	84.3%	14.3%



NON-EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA

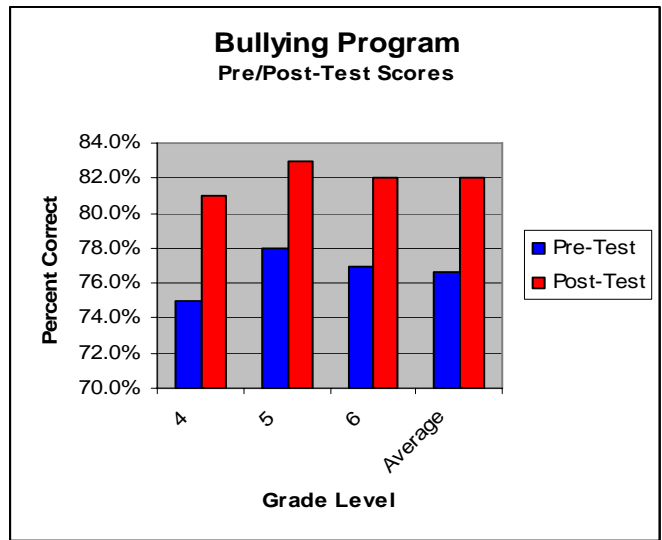
Non-evidence-based prevention programs were also provided in Lawrence County schools. During 2005/2006, the SCA evaluated its non-evidence-based prevention programs by pre- and post-testing participants' knowledge. The results show an increase of knowledge in all of the grade levels and are as follow:

Non-Evidence-Based ATOD

Grade	Pre	Post	Change
10	53.1%	66.0%	12.9%
Average	53.1%	66.0%	12.9%

Bullying Program

Grade	Pre	Post	Change
4	75.0%	81.0%	6.0%
5	78.0%	83.0%	5.0%
6	77.0%	82.0%	5.0%
Average	76.7%	82.0%	5.3%



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APPENDIX C

SERVICES PROVIDED – 2005/2006

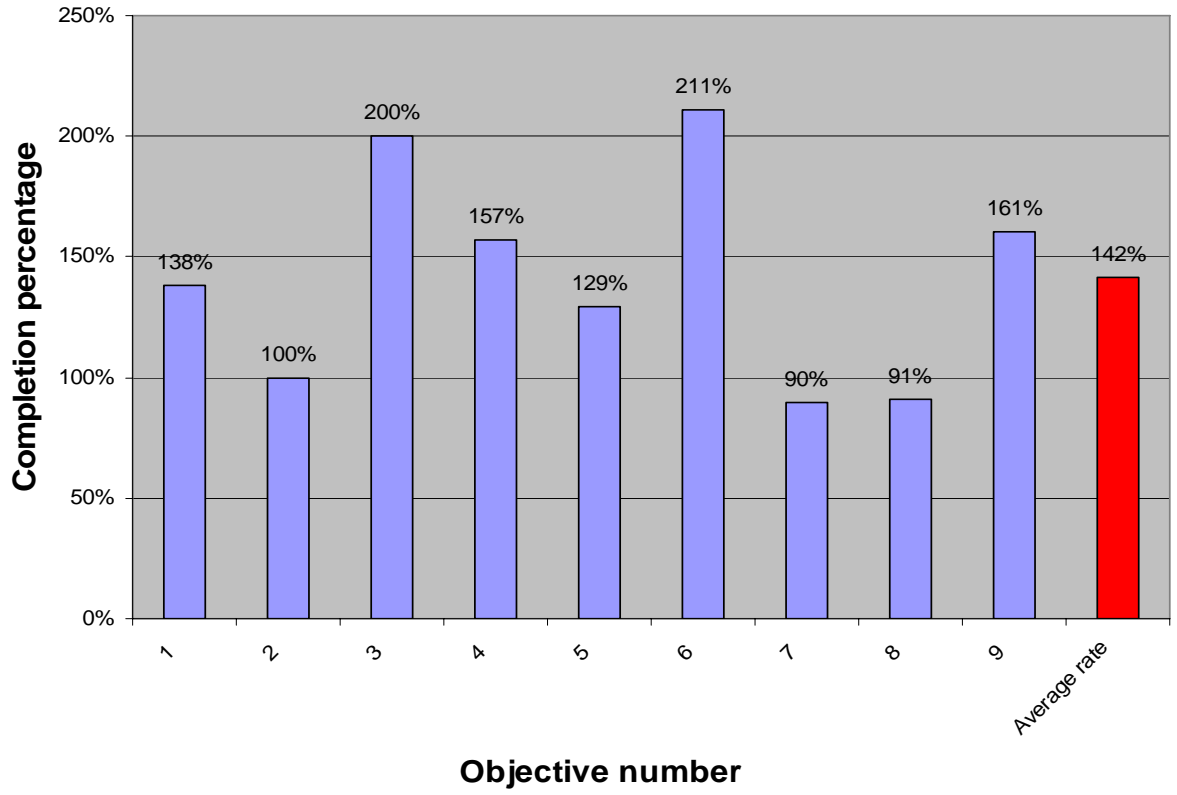
PREVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY OBJECTIVE (excludes services provided through the Tobacco Control Program)

Objective	Single Event Activity		Recurring Event Activity		Total		Rate of Completion
	Events	Attendees	Events	Participants	Events	Participants	
1. By 6/30/06, educate 50 alcohol merchants/sellers in Lawrence County on laws regarding the distribution of alcohol (to minors)	2	69	0	0	2	69	138%
2. By 6/30/06, conduct 3 rounds of tobacco compliance checks with the Tobacco Control Program in Lawrence County	10	120	0	0	10	120*	100%
3. By 6/30/06, facilitate 2 meetings for the Prevention Coalition members in Lawrence County	4	129	0	0	4	129	200%
4. By 6/30/06, educate 6,000 youth in Lawrence County on ATOD issues	149	6,634	907	2,771	1,056	9,405	157%
5. By 6/30/06, disseminate 20,000 media market initiatives regarding issues and adverse consequences of ATOD use/abuse and availability of services to residents in Lawrence County	63	25,864	0	0	63	25,864	129%
6. By 6/30/06, provide 100 youth in Lawrence County with Student Assistance Program services	80	186	26	25	106	211	211%
7. By 6/30/06, educate 1,500 adults in Lawrence County on ATOD- and other health-related issues	82	1,348	0	0	82	1,348	90%
8. By 6/30/06, educate 75 peer leaders in Lawrence County in ATOD knowledge, resiliency, peer pressure, community services, etc.	4	225	0	0	4	225**	91%
9. By 6/30/06, identify 4,000 residents in Lawrence County for ATOD-free alternative activity participation	26	6,427	0	0	26	6,427	161%

* This number reflects the number of stores checked, not rounds. The Prevention Department assisted with all three rounds of tobacco compliance checks.

** This number reflects multiple peer leadership trainings with sixty-eight total new recruits.

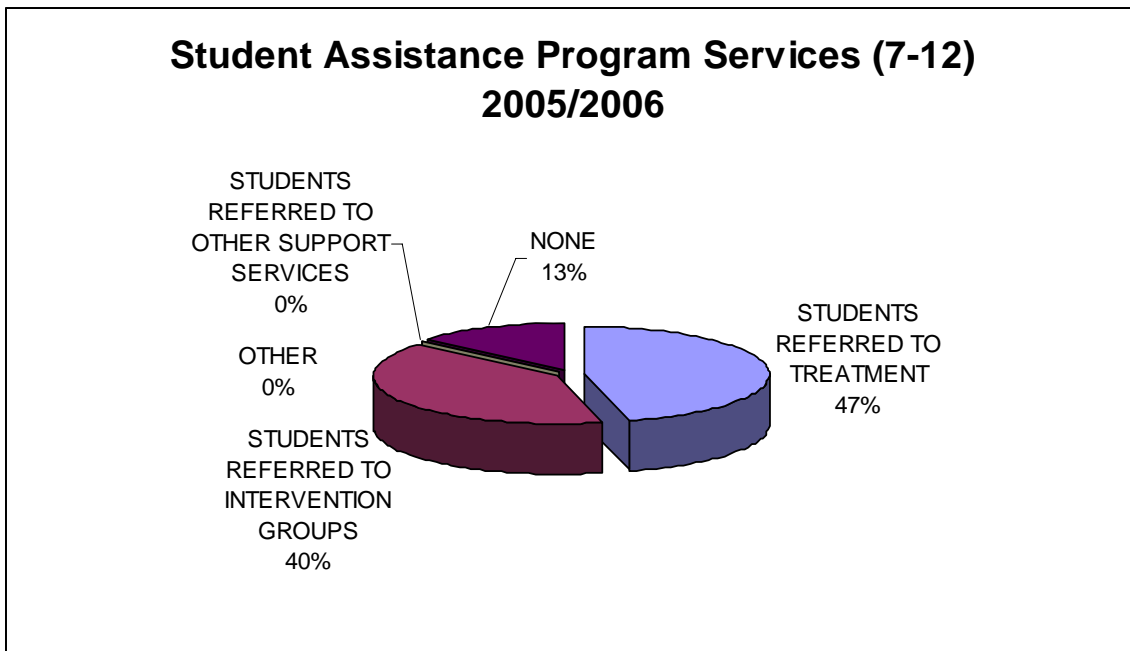
Rate of Completion for Objectives 2005/2006



INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES (7-12)

STUDENTS ASSESSED	52
STUDENTS REFERRED TO TREATMENT	24
STUDENTS REFERRED TO INTERVENTION GROUPS	21
STUDENTS REFERRED TO OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	0
OTHER	0
NONE	7



**MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES
(K-6)**

STUDENTS ASSESSED	159
CONSULTATION HOURS	86
INTERVENTION HOURS	396

TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED (SCA FUNDED)

During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the following treatment services were provided to Lawrence County residents utilizing **SCA funding**.

SERVICE	UNIT	# OF CLIENTS	# OF HOURS/DAYS	AVERAGE # OF HOURS/DAYS	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED
HOSPITAL-BASED DETOX	DAYS	0	0	0	\$0
HOSPITAL-BASED RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	0	0	0	\$0
NON-HOSPITAL DETOX	DAYS	82	245	3	\$47,221
NON-HOSPITAL RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	178	2618	15	\$377,875
NON-HOSPITAL HALFWAY HOUSE	DAYS	26	587	23	\$45,604
PARTIAL (RESIDENTIAL)	DAYS	3	62	21	\$6,023
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	HOURS*	127	3062	24	\$66,824
OUTPATIENT - JAIL	HOURS*	15	74	5	\$2,858
OUTPATIENT	HOURS*	518	3584	7	\$157,910
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	WEEKS	0	0	0	\$0

*Includes both individual and group hours.

TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED (HEALTHCHOICES FUNDED)

During the 2005/2006 fiscal year, the following treatment services were provided to Lawrence County residents utilizing **HEALTHCHOICES funding**. HealthChoices is Pennsylvania's public behavioral health managed care program.

SERVICE	UNIT	# OF CLIENTS	# OF HOURS/DAY	AVERAGE # OF HOURS/DAY	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED
HOSPITAL-BASED DETOX	DAYS	37	135	4	\$62,308
HOSPITAL-BASED RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	21	115	5	\$54,650
NON-HOSPITAL DETOX	DAYS	107	351	3	\$61,133
NON-HOSPITAL RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	177	2515	14	\$344,886
HALFWAY HOUSE	DAYS	76	4864	64	\$374,296
PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION	HOURS	81	4860	60	\$79,285
OUTPATIENT	HOURS*	368	2533	7	\$132,041
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	HOURS	159	5766	36	\$104,161
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	DAYS	80	13728	172	\$176,529
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	WEEKS	215	6947	32	\$624,802

*Includes both individual and group hours.