

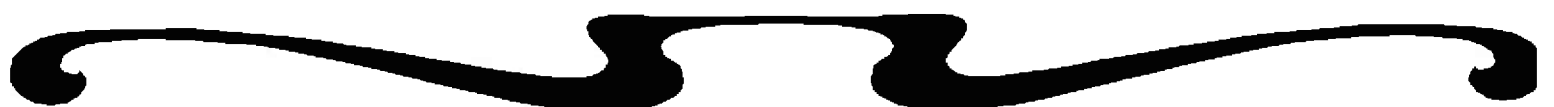
**Lawrence County
Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.**

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. Established as a “Private Executive Commission” model, the SCA is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board consists of eleven voting members representing the community at large and two ex-officio members representing drug and alcohol providers and the local Department of Health.

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:

- **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
 - Halfway House
 - Inpatient Hospital Detoxification and Residential
 - Inpatient Non-Hospital Detoxification and Residential
 - Intensive Outpatient
 - Methadone Maintenance
 - Outpatient (including services provided in the Lawrence County Jail)
 - Partial Hospitalization
- Shelter
 - Women and Women w/Children

During the 2004/2005 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
 - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County
 - Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc.
 - Highland House/Highland House Outpatient
 - White Deer Run-New Castle
- Tobacco Control Prevention, Cessation and Enforcement
 - Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh - New Castle
 - Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County
 - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County
 - Family Health Council, Inc.
 - Jameson Health System
 - Lawrence County Cares
 - Lawrence County Sheriff's Department
 - Police Departments (Ellwood City, New Wilmington, Neshannock, New Castle, Pulaski and Shenango)

The Drug and Alcohol Provider Task Force meets to provide program updates and address local drug and alcohol issues. The Task Force Chairperson serves on the SCA Board of Directors as an ex officio member.

III. SCA Organizational Information

Lawrence County Commissioners:

Dan Vogler, Chairperson
Steve Craig
Edward Fosnaught

SCA Board of Directors (June 2005):

Thomas L. Johnston, Jr., President
Susan Ascione, Vice-President
Michael R. Krisuk, Treasurer
Reverend Kenneth Kauffman, Secretary
Peggy A. Berkley (Ex-Officio Member – Department of Health)
Erica Mooney
Jesse Moss
Judge Dominick Motto
Georgia Ross (Ex-Officio Member - Provider Task Force)
Deborah Taylor
Nick A. Turco, Jr., Esquire
Cathy Wigton
Marcy Wilson

IV. Major Accomplishments

Administrative

- The SCA sponsored several training events to educate parents, school personnel and other community professionals. The Philadelphia Narcotics Bureau's Heads-Up Program was provided in five school districts and to the general public. Other trainings included HIV and Substance Abuse, Adolescent ASAM (placement tool for adolescents), Drug Subculture and Sex and Drugs: Dual Companions.
- 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 developed a plan to expand local services by utilizing HealthChoices Reinvestment funds. The plan included community adult intervention services which were implemented during the 2004/2005 fiscal year. This program provides education and support for family members whose loved ones are abusing drugs and/or alcohol.

- The SCA submitted a proposal to continue to serve as Lawrence County's primary contractor for the Statewide Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program. In May 2005, the SCA was awarded the 26-month contract for a total of \$501,176. The SCA serves as the lead agency working with various community agencies and organizations to implement programs including community- and school-based, chronic disease, counter-marketing media, smoking cessation, enforcement and coordination with statewide programs.
- In collaboration with the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, two Forensic Liaison Case Management positions were created utilizing HealthChoices reinvestment funds. The Drug and Alcohol Forensic Liaison targets criminal justice offenders who are abusing drugs and/or alcohol in an attempt to reduce treatment episodes and criminal recidivism.

Prevention (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs)

- During the 2004/2005 fiscal year, the SCA's Prevention Unit provided ATOD education to 9,741 youth, resulting in a 22 percent increase from the 2003/2004 fiscal year.
- The SCA continues to be committed to evidence-based programming. During the 2004/2005 fiscal year, the Prevention Unit utilized the *Too Good for Drugs II* and *Project ALERT* curricula to provide approximately 1,950 students in six school districts with evidence-based programs. The number of students reached signifies a 30 percent increase from last fiscal year. Refer to Appendix B - "Prevention Program Evaluation – Evidence-Based Curricula" for pre- and post-test results.
- Approximately 840 fourth- and fifth-grade students participated in the SCA's "Too Cool for Drugs" education/t-shirt initiative.
- The SCA coordinated the presentation of the Philadelphia Narcotic Bureau's Heads-Up Program in Lawrence County for the second year. The program, presented in five school districts, reached 1,601 students, a 25 percent increase from last year, and 267 adults, an 88 percent increase from last fiscal year.
- The SCA's alternative activities mini-grant program impacted 908 students in four school districts and one vocational school by providing alternative activities and education on underage drinking. In addition to this mini-grant program, the prevention unit also impacted 2,180 youth through other various ATOD-free alternative activities, a 31 percent increase from last year.
- For the third 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. Thirty-six local winners received savings bonds, and their posters were forwarded to the PLCB for the state competition. Twelve of the local winning posters were featured on billboards throughout the county, and two local winners also placed at the state level.

- 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-five server/sellers attended the trainings, which also included the globally recognized Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS).
- As an approved Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network Associate Center through the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the SCA disseminated more than 25,000 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 2004/2005 fiscal year, the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission’s Tobacco Control Program has increased services in an effort to decrease the effects of tobacco on our county. We have continued to partner 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 2004/2005 highlights include:

- Due to the commitment of Lawrence County Cares, two additional schools (Lawrence County Vocational-Technical School and Wilmington High School) have committed to BUSTED! Chapters. This is a great success for Lawrence County because all eight districts, along with the vocational-technical school, now have BUSTED! Chapters.
- The SCA, Jameson Health System and Eckerd’s Pharmacy partnered to offer free Nicotine Replacement Therapy to all uninsured Lawrence County residents who participate in the Smoke Free for Life cessation classes.
- Cessation classes were provided to 169 adults, representing a 78 percent increase from the previous fiscal year.
- Cessation classes were provided to 37 adolescents, representing a 20 percent increase from the previous fiscal year.
- The Tobacco Control Program provided tobacco prevention programming to 13,233 youth, representing a 54 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. Eight hundred of these students were reached through *Too Good for Drugs II*, a ten-week evidence-based curriculum.
- Approximately 8,200 youth participated in alternative activities/education through tobacco mini-grant programs.
- The Tobacco Control Program provided its Fourth Annual Tobacco Retailer Educational Luncheon. The luncheon provided retailers with an overview of the law

