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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
 - Resource Coordination

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 2006/2007 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 (Outpatient)
 - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County (Shelter)
 - Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc. (Outpatient, Intensive 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 Career and Technical Center/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**

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IV. **Major Accomplishments**

Administrative

- 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 continued participation in the local initiative with Lawrence County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, Juvenile Probation and Children and Youth Services to develop a comprehensive Children and Family Integrated Plan as required by the Department of Public Welfare.
- The SCA continued to participate 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, Lawrence County Community Action Partnership, Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County and the SCA with the goal of reducing recidivism in our community. This initiative is ongoing.

- The SCA collaborated with Lawrence County Community Action Partnership in its application for a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency grant for a prisoner re-entry program. The SCA secured \$55,764 for drug and alcohol treatment and case management services.

Prevention (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs)

- During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, the SCA's Prevention Unit provided Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) education to 10,427 youth through single and recurring services representing an 11 percent increase from last fiscal year.
- The SCA continues to be committed to providing evidence-based programming. During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, the Prevention Unit utilized the *Too Good for Drugs II* curriculum to provide approximately 1,250 students with evidence-based programming. Refer to Appendix B - "Prevention Program Evaluation" for pre- and post-test results.
- The SCA's impacted 5,515 residents through various ATOD-free alternative activities.
- For the fifth 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 1,006 entries from students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Thirty-five local winners received gift cards, 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.
- The SCA sponsored its second Annual Commercial Media Contest during the fall of 2006. The SCA received 56 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 third year, the SCA collaborated with the Lawrence County DUI Program to sponsor 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. Thirty-four server/sellers attended the trainings, which also included the globally-recognized Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS).
- The SCA continued its collaboration with numerous Lawrence County entities regarding 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 32,400 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 2006/2007 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 2006/2007 highlights include:

- The Tobacco Control Program provided tobacco prevention programming to 9,232 youth representing a 17 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. Approximately 1,550 of these students were reached through *Too Good for Drugs II*, a ten-week evidence-based curriculum. Refer to Appendix B - “Prevention Program Evaluation” for pre- and post-test results.
- Seven school districts and one vocational-technical school had active BUSTED! youth groups. Membership in these groups increased from 480 youth in 2005/2006 to 555 in 2006/2007 representing a 16 percent increase.
- Approximately 3,445 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 2006/2007 was 5.6 percent, a decrease from 9.4 percent in fiscal year 2005/2006.

Intervention

- The SCA continued to provide drug and alcohol intervention services in the Lawrence County Jail. During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, there were 358 participants.
- The SCA continued to provide Student Assistance Program (SAP) services in all eight school districts and one vocational-technical school. During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, the SAP case manager received 69 referrals and completed 67 comprehensive assessments representing a twenty-nine percent (29%) increase from the previous year. In collaboration with the regional PA Network for Student Assistance Services and the Human Services Center, the SCA provided one SAP County Coordination meeting. The SCA and the Human Services Center also coordinated the annual SAP/MESAP Recognition Banquet with approximately 35 core team members in attendance.
- The SAP case manager participated on the Juvenile Advisory Committee (JAC), which started in June 2006. It is comprised of school personnel and numerous social service agencies, which have direct involvement with adolescents. These agencies include: Juvenile Probation, Children and Youth Services, Human Services Center,

Community Alternatives, Lawrence County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, and the Children's Advocacy Center. The committee was developed to address issues involving children on a countywide level.

- 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 2006/2007 fiscal year, SCA MESAP staff completed 227 assessments representing a 43% increase from the previous fiscal year. SCA MESAP staff also provided 423 intervention hours representing a seven percent increase from the previous year. Intervention services addressed coping skills, anger management, self-esteem, peer pressure and social skills.
- The SCA continued to fund adolescent intervention services utilizing HealthChoices Reinvestment funds. These services, provided by Highland Outpatient Services, reached 58 adolescents.
- The SCA continued to fund Family Education/Support Intervention services utilizing HealthChoices Reinvestment funds. These services, provided by Highland Outpatient, reached 75 adults and continue to be well received in the community.
- Refer to Appendix C – "Services Provided" (Intervention).

Treatment

- The jail treatment program was re-instated and provided by Highland Outpatient Services. During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, treatment services were provided to fifty-three (53) inmates. In an effort to reduce recidivism and increase retention in treatment, this program is designed to transition individuals into outpatient drug and alcohol treatment upon discharge from incarceration
- The SCA collaborated with a local physician and licensed drug and alcohol provider to develop an Enhanced Intensive Outpatient / Buprenorphine program. The SCA entered into agreements with the physician and a local pharmacy for medical management and pharmacological services. Highland Outpatient will provide treatment services and the SCA will provide case management services to ensure program compliance. The program is funded with HealthChoices reinvestment and will be fully implemented during the 2007/2008 fiscal year.
- Refer to Appendix C – "Services Provided" (Treatment).

Case Management

- During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, the Case Management Unit completed 1,521 assessments representing a three percent decrease from the previous year.

- The SCA requires Case Management staff to obtain certification through the Pennsylvania Certification Board once eligible for such certification. To date, all eligible staff have obtained applicable certifications (i.e. Certified Case Manager, Certified Case Management Supervisor, Certified Co-occurring Disorders Professional).
- The SCA continued its collaboration with Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP) regarding its Supportive Housing Initiative. The program provided Intensive Case Management services and housing assistance to thirteen (13) individuals with substance abuse disorders.
- The SCA secured HealthChoices Reinvestment funding to develop a Community Liaison position. The Community Liaison is responsible for improving the transition of individuals from hospitalization into drug and alcohol treatment. The Liaison completes hospital-based assessments and provides case management in an effort to increase retention in treatment services.

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 or Resource Coordination 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 limits 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

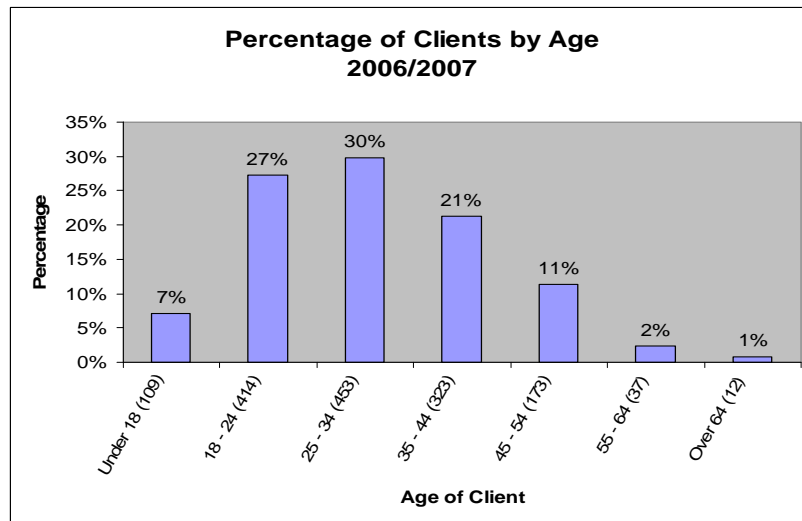
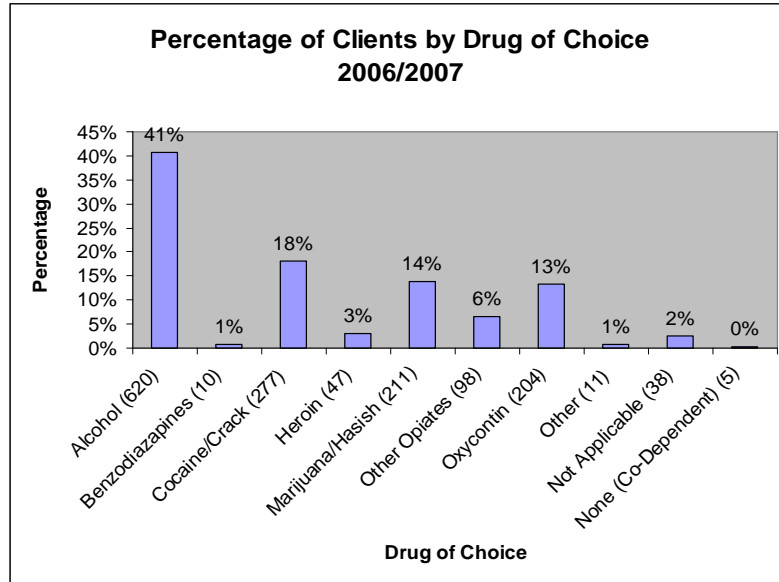
During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, the SCA Case Management Unit completed 1,521 assessments. Refer to Appendix C for information on treatment services provided.

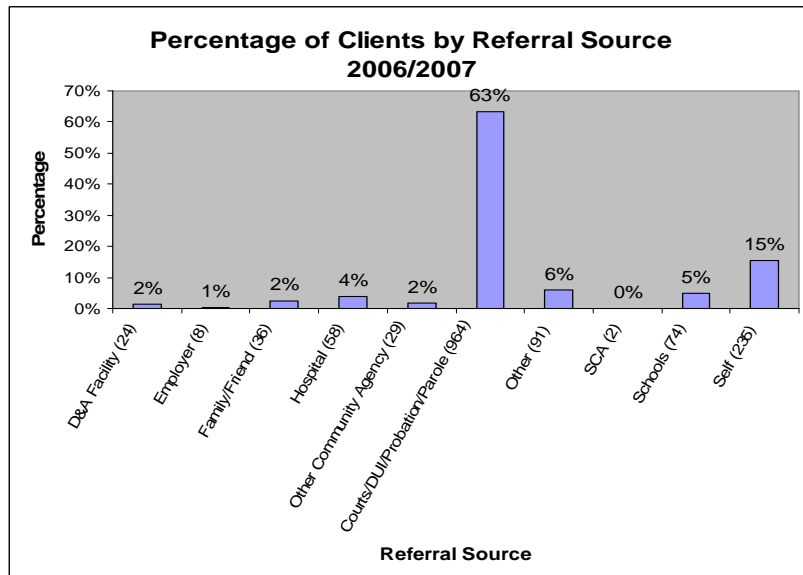
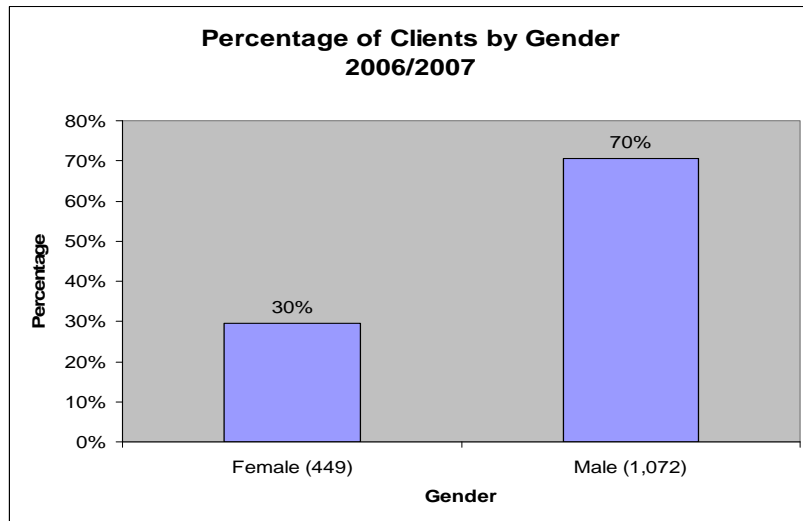
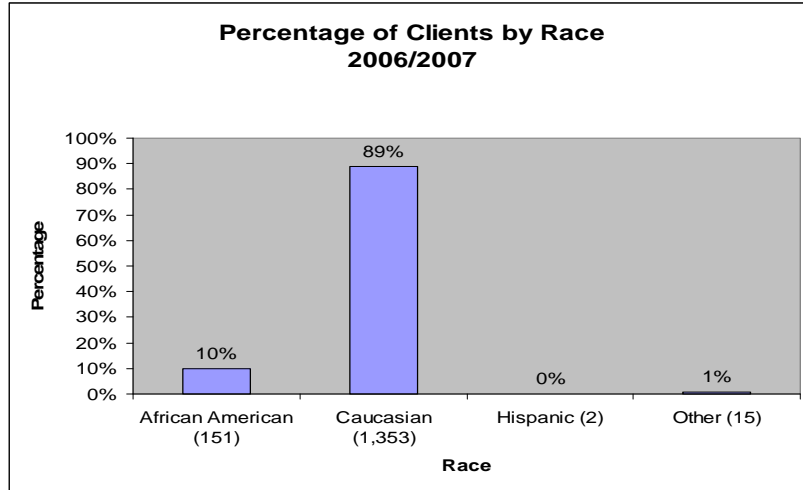
OxyContin® continues to be problematic in Lawrence County despite a slight decrease from the previous fiscal year. During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, 204 individuals (vs. 236 from the previous year) reported OxyContin® as their primary drug of choice representing a 14 percent decrease. Although the use of OxyContin® has decreased, the use of Other Opiates has increased. The number of individuals reporting OxyContin® or Other Opiates as their primary drug of choice increased from 287 to 302 representing a five percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

Individuals reporting heroin as their first, second or third drug of choice decreased significantly from 166 to 85, representing a 49 percent decrease from the previous fiscal year. Forty-eight percent of the individuals reporting heroin use were under the age of 25.

Injecting drug use among young adults decreased from the previous year. Individuals under the age of 25 reporting injecting drugs decreased from 67 to 57, representing a 15 percent decrease from the previous fiscal year.

The following demographics reflect only those **1,521** individuals assessed by the SCA Case Management Unit.

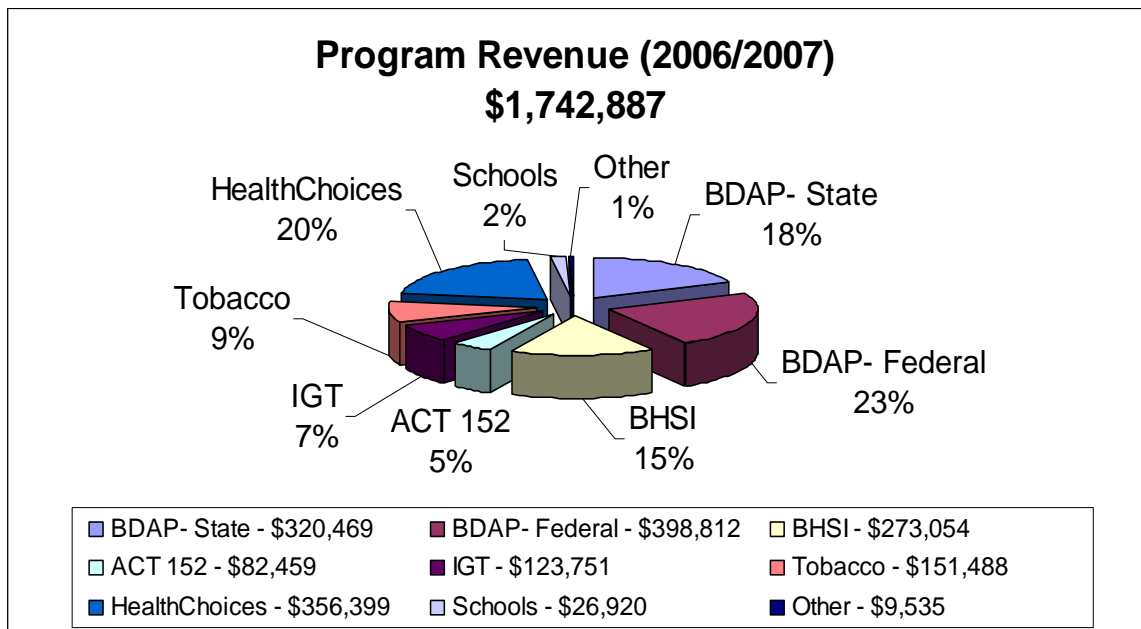




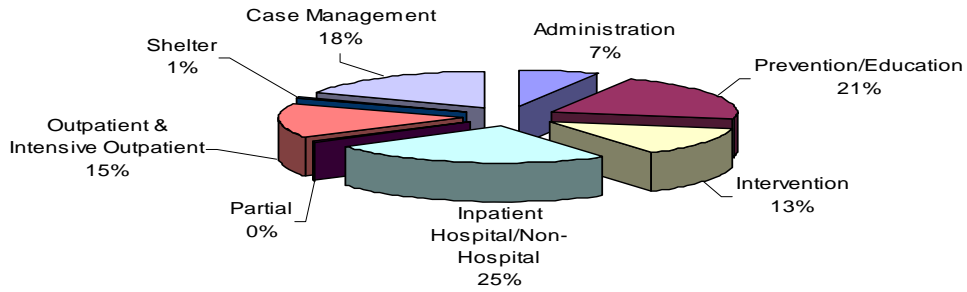
VII. **Fiscal Information**

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 (BDAP) 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.

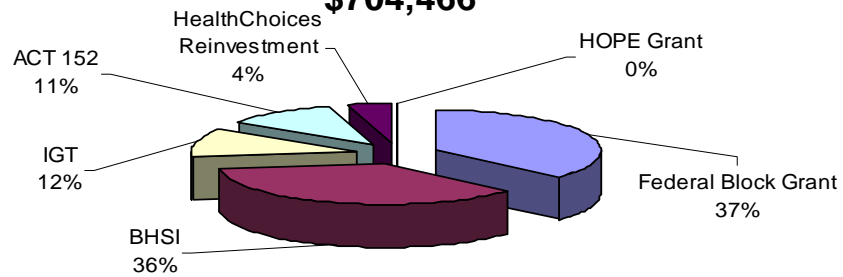


Program Expense (2006/2007)
\$1,742,887



Administration - \$122,927	Prevention/Education - \$366,831
Intervention - \$222,019	Inpatient Hospital/Non-Hospital - \$435,272
Partial - \$7,398	Outpatient & Intensive Outpatient - \$261,795
Shelter - \$10,000	Case Management - \$316,645

Funds Utilized for Treatment (2006/2007)
\$704,466

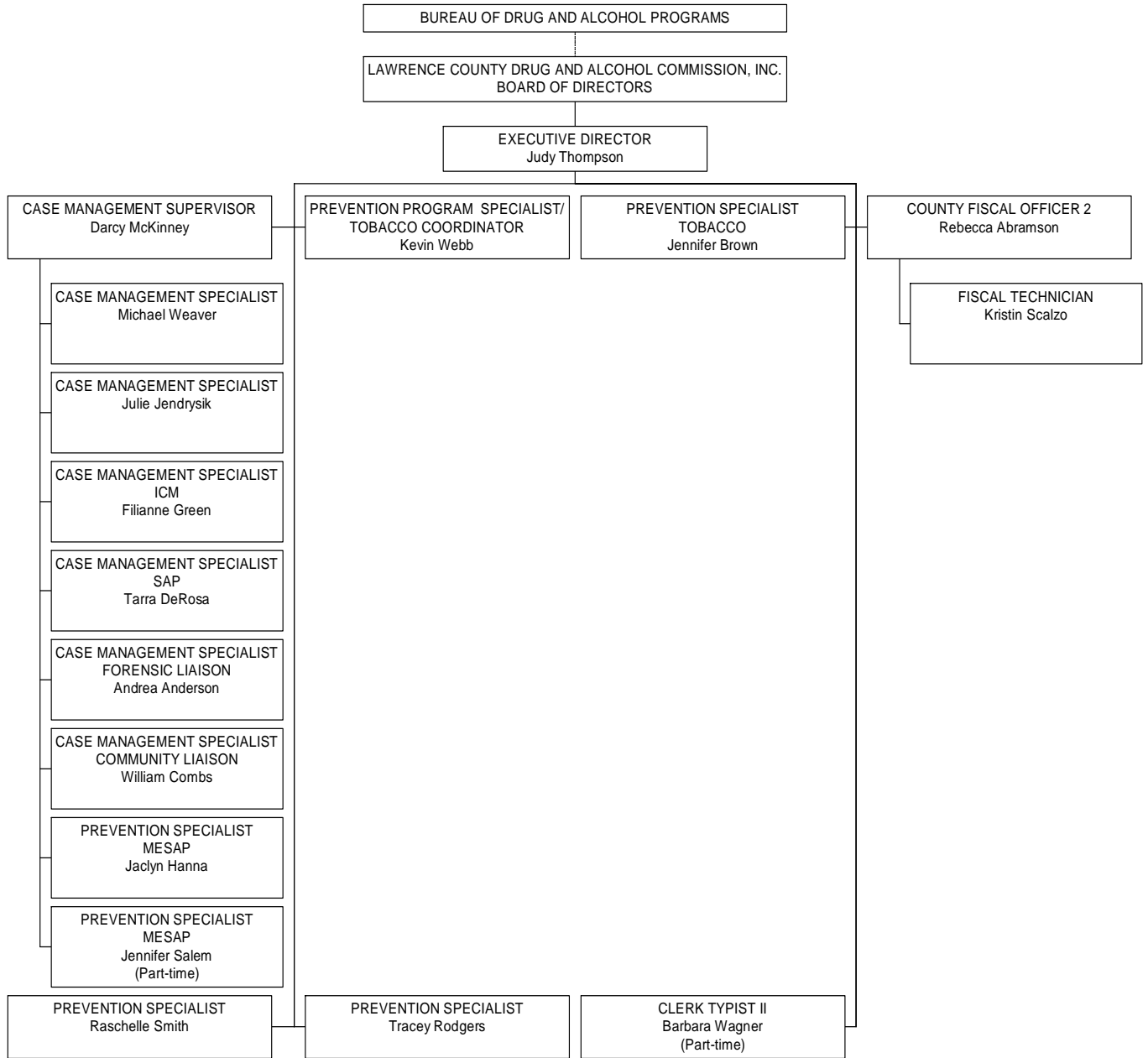


Federal Block Grant - \$258,687
Behavioral Health Services Initiative (BHSI) \$256,671
Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) \$81,818
ACT 152 - \$77,511
HealthChoices Reinvestment - \$29,203
HOPE Grant - \$576

APPENDIX A

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

(June 2007)



APPENDIX B

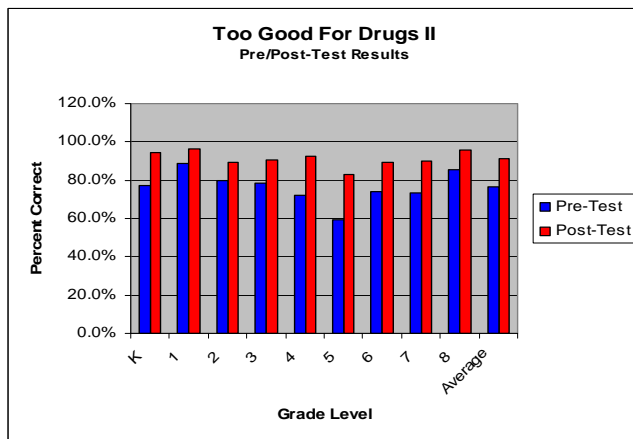
PREVENTION PROGRAM EVALUATION

EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA

Evidence-based prevention programs are those that have been proven to produce positive outcomes. During 2006/2007, 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	77.0%	94.3%	17.3%
1	88.6%	96.7%	8.6%
2	79.6%	89.3%	9.7%
3	78.3%	90.8%	12.5%
4	72.4%	92.5%	20.1%
5	59.1%	82.9%	23.8%
6	74.3%	89.6%	15.4%
7	73.1%	90.1%	17.0%
8	85.7%	96.0%	10.3%
Average	76.4%	91.4%	14.9%

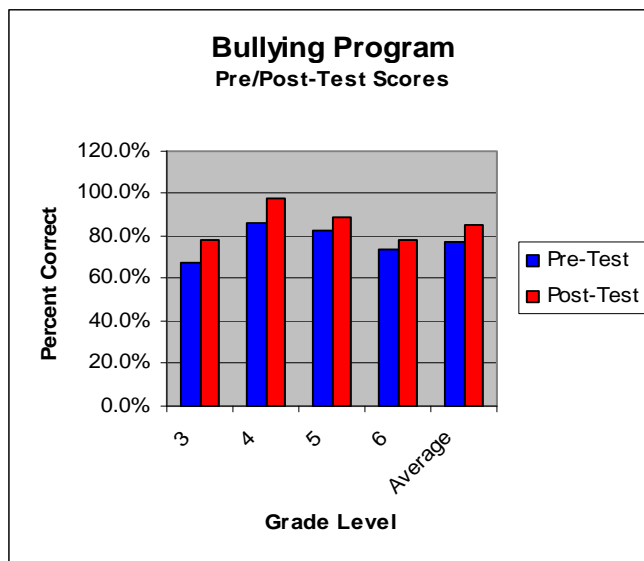


NON-EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA

Non-evidence-based prevention programs were also provided in Lawrence County schools. During 2006/2007, 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:

Bullying Program

Grade	Pre	Post	Change
3	67.4%	78.4%	11.0%
4	86.2%	97.5%	11.3%
5	82.9%	89.1%	6.2%
6	74.1%	78.0%	3.9%
Average	77.6%	85.7%	8.1%



Other Non-Evidence-Based ATOD

Grade	Pre	Post	Change
10	50.3%	70.9%	20.6%
Average	50.3%	70.9%	20.6%

APPENDIX C

SERVICES PROVIDED – 2006/2007

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

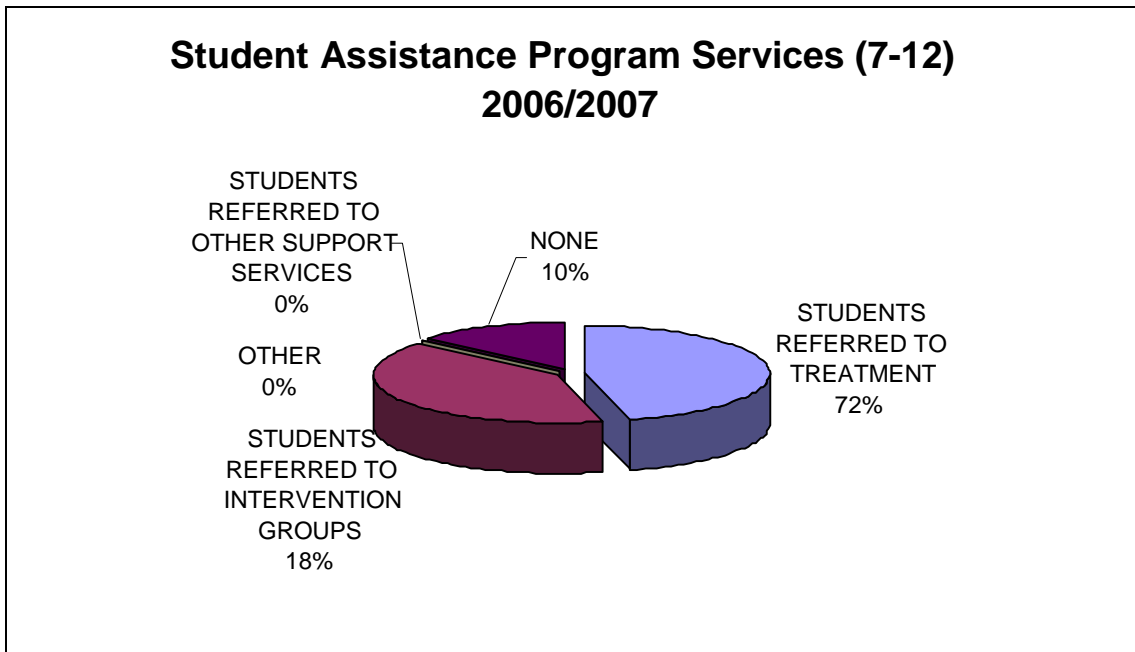
Objective	Single Event Activity		Recurring Event Activity		Total		Rate of Completion
	Events	Attendees	Events	Participants	Events	Participants	
1. By 6/30/07, educate 60 alcohol merchants/sellers in Lawrence County on laws regarding the distribution of alcohol (to minors)	3	146	0	0	3	146	243%
2. By 6/30/07, conduct 100 tobacco compliance checks with the Tobacco Control Program in Lawrence County	9	131	0	0	9	131	131%
3. By 6/30/07, support 20 Lawrence County Coalition members	5	303	0	0	5	303*	750%
4. By 6/30/07, educate 10,000 youth in Lawrence County on ATOD issues	211	8,192	809	2,235	1,020	10,427	104%
5. By 6/30/07, disseminate 20,000 media market initiatives regarding issues and adverse consequences of ATOD use/abuse and availability of services to residents in Lawrence County	76	32,484	0	0	76	32,484	162%
6. By 6/30/07, facilitate 100 Student Assistance Program referrals from core team meetings for your (grade 7-12) in Lawrence County	141	124	0	0	141	124	124%
7. By 6/30/07, educate 1,500 adults in Lawrence County on ATOD- and other health-related issues	70	983	0	0	70	983	66%
8. By 6/30/07, educate 55 peer leaders in Lawrence County in ATOD knowledge, resiliency, peer pressure, community services, etc.	4	191	0	0	4	191**	102%
9. By 6/30/07, identify 4,000 residents in Lawrence County for ATOD-free alternative activity participation	18	5,515	0	0	18	5,515	138%

* The attendee count of 303 includes duplication of individuals. During the 2006/2007 FY, there were 150 active members in Lawrence County Connections.

** The attendee count of 191 includes duplication of individuals; it refers to 56 Peer Leaders who were trained on multiple occasions throughout the year.

INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED

STUDENTS ASSESSED	67
STUDENTS REFERRED TO TREATMENT	48
STUDENTS REFERRED TO INTERVENTION GROUPS	12
STUDENTS REFERRED TO OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	0
OTHER	0
NONE	7



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

STUDENTS ASSESSED	227
CONSULTATION HOURS	97
INTERVENTION HOURS	423

TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED (SCA FUNDED)

During the 2006/2007 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	71	215	3	\$42,913
NON-HOSPITAL RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	173	2,324	13	\$357,896
HALFWAY HOUSE	DAYS	20	405	20	\$34,464
PARTIAL (RESIDENTIAL)	DAYS	3	81	27	\$7,398
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	HOURS	131	3,474	27	\$74,665
OUTPATIENT - JAIL	HOURS	53	389	7	\$10,819
OUTPATIENT	HOURS	440	4,062	9	\$173,158
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	HOURS	0	0	0	\$0
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	HOURS	0	0	0	\$0
ENHANCED IOP / BUPRENORPHINE **		0	0	0	\$3,153
TOTAL					\$704,466

*Includes both individual and group hours.

** Start-up costs (HC Reinvestment funding)

TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED (HEALTHCHOICES FUNDED)

During the 2006/2007 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	17	59	3	\$27,521
HOSPITAL-BASED RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	12	61	5	\$26,354
NON-HOSPITAL DETOX	DAYS	127	444	3	\$78,530
NON-HOSPITAL RESIDENTIAL	DAYS	184	2,430	13	\$351,412
HALFWAY HOUSE	DAYS	67	4,070	61	\$315,923
PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION	HOURS	80	4,401	55	\$71,030
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	HOURS	221	9,043	41	\$166,062
OUTPATIENT	HOURS*	942	5,716	6	\$227,207
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	DAYS	126	19,004	151	\$244,353
METHADONE MAINTENANCE	WEEKS	307	8,492	28	\$763,744
TOTAL					\$2,272,136

*Includes both individual and group hours.