

STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The lead ATOD agency in Alaska is the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ADA) of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). A commissioner, assisted by two deputy commissioners, administers DHSS. The Divisions within DHSS include:

- Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- Division of Administrative Services
- Division of Family and Youth Services
- Division of Medical Assistance
- Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Division of Public Assistance
- Division of Public Health

ADA has three offices, two in Anchorage and one in Juneau. The major functions of the Juneau office include policy and program development, administration, and grants management. One office in Anchorage houses the ADA field staff responsible for technical assistance, treatment program approval, and quality assurance. The second Anchorage office is the Alcohol Safety Action Program, which provides assessment, referral, and monitoring of court-referred alcohol related misdemeanor offenders.

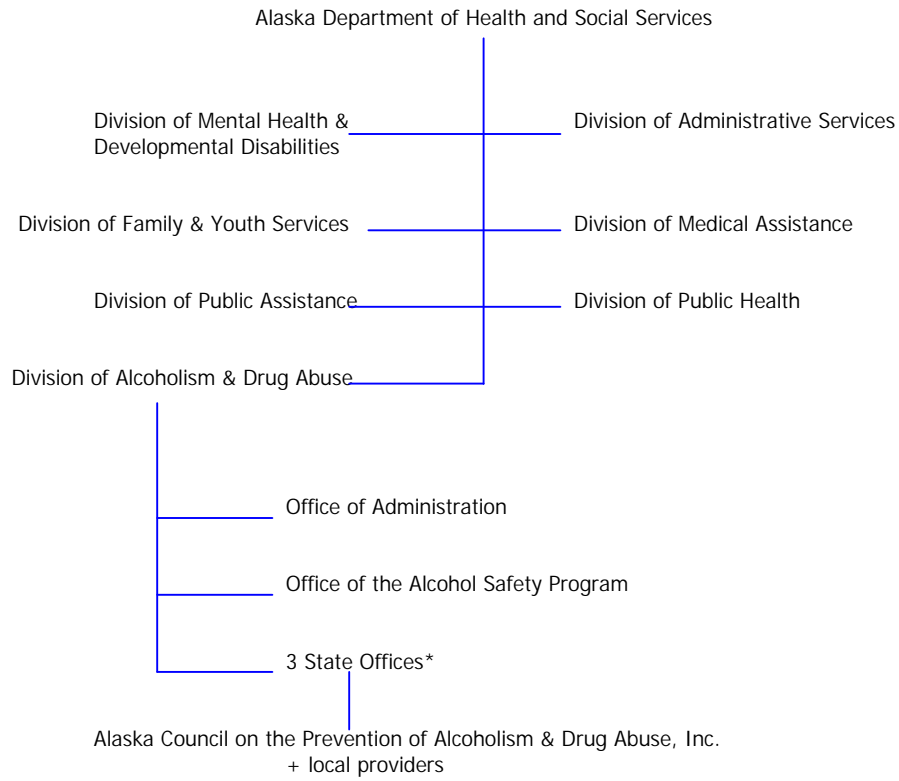
In July 1998, the State of Alaska was awarded a State Incentive Grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The project director and staff for this prevention effort are located in Juneau. The Governor has appointed a twenty-four person Prevention Advisory Council to provide policy guidance to the project.

Prior to the award of the State Incentive Grant, the 20 percent set-aside for prevention in the Federal Block Grant, was awarded in its entirety to the Alaska Council on the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, a non-profit organization based in Anchorage. The Council provides public information, the State RADAR network center, an extensive resource library, a quarterly newsletter The Prevention Express, and sponsors a three-day Prevention Symposium. The Symposium is the annual prevention training conference held in the State.

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Organizational Chart



* Prevention strategies are the responsibility of the two Regional Coordinator Offices, based in Juneau and Anchorage.

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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$744,445	\$2,170,796	\$434,159
1994	744,445	2,170,796	434,159
1995	937,765	1,716,152	562,560

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$90,000
Education	83,000	80,000	80,000
Alternatives	75,000	70,000	70,000
Problem Identification and Referral	0	0	30,000
Environmental	66,977	53,803	30,560
Community-based Process	159,182	150,000	262,000
Other	0	20,356*	0

*The State did not specify what these expenditures were.

Resource Spending*	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Quality Assurance	33,928	0	0
Training (post-employment)	0	0	0
Education (pre-employment)	0	0	0
Program Development	0	0	0
Research and Evaluation	0	0	0
Information Systems	0	0	0

*These expenditures fell outside the set-aside.

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 3 state offices
- 1 non-profit organization

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$217,080
- FFY 1994 - \$434,159
- FFY 1995 - \$343,230*

*Amount of the single grant award.

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$0.73
- FFY 1994 - \$0.68
- FFY 1995 - \$0.57

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: N/A*
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: N/A
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 1 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: N/A
 - Local: N/A

*The State of Alaska does not collect this information.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

Alaska defines prevention as “the dissemination of relevant information in a regular and planned way that presents a philosophy that increases awareness and receptivity of the community to the nature of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, treatment, and prevention issues. Education also presents the human and legal rights of the population at risk, as well as informing the public of existing resources and stimulating social action to increase support for the development of additional alcohol and other drug resources.”

Does the State have prevention plan?

Yes, it is part of the overall State Plan for Prevention and Treatment Services.

Total Number served:*

- FFY 1993 – 598,000
- FFY 1994 – 606,000
- FFY 1995 – 604,000

Target populations for prevention services:

- Alaskan youth (esp. Native Alaskan youth) engaged in inhalant abuse

*The State estimates that its entire population is served by prevention programs.

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs*
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Information dissemination	1/NA**	1/NA	1/NA	Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Inc.
Education	1/NA	1/NA	1/NA	Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Inc.
Alternative activities	1/NA	1/NA	1/NA	Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Inc.
Community mobilization efforts	1/NA	1/NA	1/NA	Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Inc.

*The Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc. is the sole recipient of the SAPT Block Grant set-aside. The Council provides prevention services in the areas of Information Dissemination, Education, Alternative activities, and Community mobilization efforts. This non-profit organization, in turn, distributes funds to approximately 85 programs across the State.

**The State does not track the number of individuals served by strategy area.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessments and data collection):

Data on current prevention activities and available resources are contained in State grantee reports. The Field Operations Unit (Anchorage) conducts annual on-site reviews of all State-funded programs and of programs seeking State approval. All aspects of operations and services are reviewed. The information is used to establish compliance and approval status and to determine technical assistance needs.

Alaska prevention planners have access to data from various State departments and agencies, and from program reports. The State presently collects data, in diskette form, for each of the six CSAP strategy areas. However, Alaska requires financial assistance at the State and substate levels to institute a formal and uniform proactive community-based needs assessment process to help in local and statewide planning.

The State has an initiative to develop empirically-based outcome measures that can be appropriately applied to measure the short- and long-term effects of substance abuse treatment and prevention services funded in Alaska. Also, the plan is to establish baseline performance levels for all prevention and treatment programs funded by ADA using defined outcome measures and realistic performance standards and goals.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

The State provides training grants for prevention staff in its three substate regions (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau). No SAPT Block Grant funds are used for these training activities.

Certification Activities:

The State of Alaska does not have a certification process for substance abuse prevention professionals.