

Priority Goals Set for 2005 OASAS Local Services Plan

Goal 1: *Increase treatment services to youth and their families who are experiencing problems related to substance abuse and dependence.*

Objectives:

- 1. Develop/enhance programming for Adolescent OP treatment services in Broome County through appropriate initiatives.*
- 2. Develop/enhance Service Agreements with regional Inpatient Adolescent facilities to provide linkage for that level of care when necessary.*
- 3. ASA Subcommittee and PAG will continue to assess Adolescent treatment and the advisability of pursuing development of community-based treatment services.*
- 4. Support the development of adolescent Chemical Dependency components in all youth services both existing and new and to include family services.*

Broome County Mental Health Department submitted a proposal to the Integrated County Planning Group to fund the presentation of a community-wide training on the Seven Challenges Program. The developer, Dr. Robert Schwebel, came to Binghamton in February of this year and presented to a large cross section of community workers, including treatment providers, DSS Caseworkers, Probation Officers, prevention providers, school personnel, and other human service workers. This holistic model is based on the Stages of Change and Motivational Interviewing and is age appropriate to adolescents. By providing this to such a large cross section of the community, it helps to support “the establishment of an integrated system of care that links service providers, school districts and families in the design and delivery of holistic services of adolescents”. This particular model can be adapted to work in any setting, treatment, school, or other and provides a framework that can be followed with workbooks and training manual or on its own. A list-serve has been set up so that all trainees can be in contact and provide support to each other as needed. Also, Dr. Schwebel has offered continued support to those who will be developing this model at their agency.

Broome County is in the process of developing a Family Drug Treatment Court in the Family Court System. The Mental Health Department’s Dual Recovery Coordinator is a member of the Steering Committee and travel team in setting up this treatment court.

Since the focus of this is family, this will provide more linkages in addressing the needs of expanding family services in addressing drug and alcohol problems.

The Department has also been instrumental in developing a Western Broome Family Support Center in the Union Endicott School District. The School District and Family and Children's Society have partnered to apply for funding through Mental Health Reinvestment and Office of Children and Family Services. This ties in with efforts to expand family support services that was proposed by the Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership is Keeping Youth Drug-free and Safe (KYDS Coalition), and efforts proposed by the Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (CCSI). This project has been funded partially by the school and the Reinvestment money; however, the OCFS money was not awarded. The group will reapply when additional funding becomes available in an effort to expand the project. Initially, there will be a Social Worker, Project Coordinator and a Parent Advocate. This Center will provide further availability of strength-based programming and family centered case management. The facility can be utilized by neighboring districts in the Western portion of the county and by service providers, including OASAS licensed providers, to meet with families who are not able to come to the Binghamton area for meetings. That being said, it also addresses some of the issues with our sub-county plan regarding the Endicott area.

United Health Services Hospitals continues to look at the possible expansion of their services to Adolescents to incorporate a true Intensive Outpatient Model. This would help with adherence issues and offer another level of service that is needed for the youth of this community. UHSH is also currently expanding their Outpatient Family Programming, which will be utilized with both their Adolescent and Adult services. We are continuing our pursuit of additional monies to develop other ancillary services for Adolescents.

Adolescent services will continue to be a standing item on the monthly agendas of ASA and PAG. This issue is also discussed with regularity at ICP and CCSI Tier II meetings.

Although we are moving this goal from the priority number 1 spot for 2005, it remains one of our most important issues as we look at and plan our continuum of care.

Goal 2: Facilitate the development of research based prevention strategies in Broome County through use of the Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership is Keeping Youth Drug-free and Safe (BCYPP KYDS) Coalition and preserve existing prevention services in the county.

Objectives:

- 1. Continue the BCYPP KYDS coalition with existing funds and the DFCSP Grant as of October 2003 on.*
- 2. Oversee evaluation and planning for research based prevention methods in Broome County school districts involved in project.*
- 3. Secure future funding to enhance the project. The Prevention Specialist will oversee submission of various grants including the Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) Federal grant.*
- 4. Continue to support the Student Assistance Program and YESCAP program at Lourdes Hospital Prevention Services.*

The “Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership is Keeping Youth Drug-free and Safe” (BCYPP KYDS) is a Partnership of Community agencies committed to the enhancing and expanding science-based prevention programming utilizing the Communities That Care (CTC) Model of Social Development Theory and Risk and Protection Framework. We were awarded the Drug Free Communities Support Program Federal Grant in October of last year. The Grant allows the Coalition to sustain and expand Science based programming.

In the past year, this coalition expanded to include two additional school districts in the County. The Life Skills Training (LST) Program has been fully implemented in two of the districts, to include grades six through eight. It is being planned for at one of the newly joined districts to be implemented in the Fall. The Reconnecting Youth Program was expanded to three school districts and the All Stars Program was funded and implemented in one of the districts. The Coalition has also coordinated and funded the implementation of the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program in three of the school districts. We formalized the Coalition by developing and implementing formal bylaws for the Group and by establishing Quarterly Partnership meetings, which inform

the community of the Coalition's work and attempts to reach out and engage other community sectors to join as partners. The KYDS Coalition is planning on administering the CTC Survey once again in the Fall. The BCYPP KYDS is also a standing agenda item for the ASA Subcommittee and the PAG Group.

Broome County Mental Health Department continues to support the efforts of the YESCAP program as well as the Student Assistance Program and other prevention programming offered through Lourdes Youth Services. Lourdes has implemented the All Stars program at several other school districts and at the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference.

Continued support and development of science based prevention programs continues to be a priority in Broome County. It is anticipated that further development of these programs along with continued evaluation of the risk and protective factors in the county will help to enhance the adolescent treatment services continuum.