Texas County Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant

In 2011, the Northwest Center for Behavioral Health (NCBH) received a 4 year SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) funding to work with the Texas County Coalition to address the problem of non-medical use of prescription drugs in Texas County. The SPF SIG, provides funding to States and federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations to implement the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Strategic Prevention Framework in order to:

- prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse,
- reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities, and;
- build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State/Tribal and community levels.

Through a needs assessment, communities identified data-driven priorities.

Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs

- Data collection and analyses reveal that the non-medical use of prescription drugs is the priority substance abuse issue in Texas County:
  - In 2009, Oklahoma had the highest prevalence of prescription painkiller abuse for the population 12 and over, that is 240,000 Oklahomans.¹
  - According to the 2010 Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment (OPNA) survey, Texas County 10th and 12th graders participating in the survey were using prescription drugs at a higher percentage than the state average for the same grades.²

- The factor identified as being strongly related to and influencing the non-medical use of prescription drugs and its consequences in Texas County:
  - Social Availability – youth identify easy access to prescription drugs

- The target population in Texas County was youth in grades 6th-12th. The indirect targets are parents and the community at large

- Strategies:
  - Responsible Disposal- promote responsible disposal of prescription drugs through media advocacy
  - Policy- develop an example policy and fact sheet on responsible disposal of prescription medications
  - Enforcement- work with local law enforcement to place additional drop boxes and host at least one drug take-back event
  - Media Advocacy- to promote drop boxes, drug take-back events, and responsible disposal methods

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