Garfield County Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant

In 2011, Prevention Workz, Inc. received a 4 year SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) funding to work with the Garfield County Drug and Alcohol Coalition to address the problem of non-medical use of prescription drugs in Garfield 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 Garfield County.
  o In 2009, Oklahoma had the highest prevalence of prescription painkiller abuse for the population 12 and over, that is 240,000 Oklahomans.¹
  o According to the 2010 Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment (OPNA) survey, Garfield 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 Garfield County:
  o Social Availability- Inappropriate disposal of unused prescription medication allowing easy access from family, friends, acquaintances and schools

• The target population was identified as adults 18 and over residing in Garfield County. The indirect targets are pharmacies, the medical community, families and community members.

• Strategies:
  o Proper Disposal Methods- including promoting drop-off boxes and Take Back Events,
  o Policies/Laws- including working with agencies and stakeholders to implement updated written policies
  o Enforcement- including dissemination of findings to agencies and stakeholders regarding enforcement
  o Media Advocacy-including the promotion of Take Back Events

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