LiveFree! SARG Round 2 Logic Model. Appendix H- Youth Under age 18

Substance Related Consequence

Youth Fatalities

According to the District 6 Medical Examiners 2008 Report, there were 18 deaths in 11-17 year old population. According to the State Medical Examiners 2008 report, 44.4% (8) were caused by prescription drugs.

In 2008, the District 6 Medical Examiner's Office preformed 1,119 toxicology reports. 388 cases tested positive for alcohol, an increase of 17.2% from, 2007 of 331 cases.

Substance Use Behavior

Prescription Drug Abuse

In 2008, 15.7% of Pinellas County high school students reported using Prescription Pain Relievers on at least one occasion in their lifetime compared to 10.4% of high school students statewide, (FYSAS).

In 2008 in Pinellas County, 5.6% of 10th graders and 5.8% of 12th graders report non-medical use of prescription drugs in the past 30-days, Substance Use Health and Safety Survey, (SUHSS).

At the Pinellas County Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility in 2008, 2.8% of youth reported oxycodone as primary drug of use, and 1.7% reported xanax as their primary drug of use.

Binge Drinking

In 2008 in Pinellas County, 23.4% of high school students and 5.0% of middle school students report binge drinking, compared to 21.5% of high schools students statewide and 6.2% of middle school students statewide, (FYSAS).

In 2008 in Pinellas County, 33.8% of 10th graders and 46.4% of 12th graders report using alcohol in the past 30-days, (SUHSS).

At the Pinellas County Juvenile Addiction Receiving Facility in 2008, 32.3% reported alcohol as their primary drug of use.

Intervening Variables

Local Contributing Factors

Enforcement

- In 2008 there were 88 alcohol-related charges by youth in Pinellas County and 849 drug-related charges. 44 charges (5.2%) of the drug charges were prescription drug related. 63 (7.4%) were controlled substance related, which could include prescription drug charges, (CJIS).
- They were 7 cases of prescription drug charges by minors presented to the PJAC in the 2008/2009 fiscal year. There were also 105 controlled substance related charges non-identified.
- In 2008, ABT conducted 398 compliance checks in 2008 in Pinellas County.
- In May and June of 2008, the Pinellas Park Police Department conducted 22 compliance checks. From February-August 2008, the PPPD conducted 74 liquor law violation checks.

Social Access/ Availability

- 66.% of the who reported alcohol use in the past 30-days during a Last Drink Survey report the last place had or obtained alcohol was in either their home, friend's home or friend's parents home, PJAC).
- 62.0% of teens reported they take Prescription drugs because they are easy to get, i.e. medicine cabinet, (PFDFA).
- Out of the youth who used alcohol in the past 30 days in Pinellas County, middle students report "home" as the most common place used and high school students report "friend's, (SUHSS).
- Key informant interviews indicate that youth are, breaking into individual homes, getting them inside their home, Public Defender, PCSO, State Attorney, SPPD

Retail Access/ Availability

- 48.8% of Pinellas County middle school students and 80.7% of high school students report that alcohol is easy to get, (SUHSS).
- The top 50 dispensing Practitioners of Oxycodone are all in Florida. From July through December 2008, Pinellas County doctors dispensed 308,400 units of oxycodone. According to DEA-ARCOS reports, *Florida physicians dispense five times more oxycodone than the national average* of dispensing physicians.
- Key informant interviews indicate that youth are purchasing prescription pills via the internet, - selling on street – in schools, at community-based programs – Public Defender, PCSO, State Attorney, SPPD
- There were 2,517 liquor licenses in Pinellas County in 2008 and 2,426 liquor law violations. Out of the 398 compliance checks in by ABT in Pinellas, 14.0% of establishments sold to underage youth.
- Out of the 22 compliance checks conducted by the Pinellas Park Police Dept., 36.4% stores sold to youth. Out of the 74 liquor law violation checks, 13.5% had a violation.

Social Norms

- 15.9% of Pinellas county youth feel that their parents believe that regular use of alcohol is not wrong or not very wrong for someone their age, (FYSAS).
- 51.0% of teens reported they take prescription drugs because they are not illegal and 35% say because they are safer then illegal drugs, (PFDFA).
- Prescription drugs are felt to be less dangerous than illegal drugs. Many mistakenly think that abuse of prescriptive drugs is not a crime or, at least, a lesser crime because these drugs have a legitimate legal use. They provide a false sense of safety because a doctor prescribes these medications.
- 15.1% of 10th graders and 18.0% of 12th graders in Pinellas County feel it is alright for someone their age to use alcohol (SUHSS).