

Safe Climate Coalition of Lake County

Comprehensive Community Action Plan

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Safe Climate Coalition has reviewed all of the recent statistics and data and in evaluating the information it was found Juvenile Crime is still the problem in Lake County. In 2014, the consequence of School Performance was added to this plan.

Problem Statement: The problem is 19.5% of Lake County youth (FYSAS 2014) use alcohol and 13% use marijuana because of social norms that support underage use and easy social availability. The local contributing factors further identify the substance related consequence as juvenile crime and school performance: 2013 DJJ PACT data identifies Lake County as first in the 5th Judicial Circuit for youth felony arrests; 2012-13 SESIR data shows Leesburg, Tavares and Clermont as having the most alcohol-related incidents in the county; 2011-12 DJJ PACT data shows that 95% of youth on probation had prior suspensions; and Lake County students in 2012 who report recent alcohol and other drug use, reported worse grades on average than youth who have never used.

Intervening variables (low perceived risk, social/community norms, social access/social availability and retail access/availability) were identified by the local contributing factors. The Resource Assessment identified that the current, existing strategies in Lake County do not address the local contributing factors. The Coalition is using Know the Law, Friday Night Done Right, Prescription Lock Boxes, Sticker Shock, compliance checks and Parents Who Host –programs based on evidence based strategies – to assist in filling the gaps.

Consequence of underage drinking and other drug use is Juvenile Crime

In 2013 Lake County is noted as 1st and 2nd in the 5th Judicial Circuit for youth felony arrests (DJJ PACT Data) with Leesburg 1st and Clermont 2nd.

Teen Court statistics for 2013-2014 show that 36.4% of referrals come from Leesburg and Clermont.

FYSAS reported that 18.3% of Lake County HS students report drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana or using another drug to get high at school in 2014.

2012-13 SESIR data show the highest number of alcohol-related incidents in the Clermont, Tavares and Leesburg areas.

DJJ PACT data from 2011-2012 shows 95% of youth on probation had prior school suspensions.

DJJ PACT data from 2010 to 2012 shows an increase in the number of youth arrested who report drug and alcohol use: 39% used drugs; 28% used alcohol; 4% reported a drug problem; 3% said that their use caused family conflict. 29% said that their motivation for crime was money or drugs.

Consequence of underage drinking and other drug use is School Performance

In Lake County, students who report recent alcohol, marijuana and other drug use report worse grades on average than youth who have never used.

Middle School Students

Mostly As and Bs: Never drank alcohol – 77.9% and 60.9% of those who do drink, binge drank in the past 2 weeks. How often do best in school: those who never drank stated that they often or almost always do well = 85.3%. Days skipped of school = 78.2% said none.

Mostly As and Bs: Never used Marijuana - 78.4% and 60.6% of those who used marijuana did so in the past month. How often do best in school: those who never used marijuana stated that they often or almost always do well = 82.7%. Days skipped of school of those who don't use marijuana = 75.6% said none.

Never used any illicit drugs = 79.2%

Used other drugs in the past 30-days = 9.7% higher than the Florida students statewide = 9.6%.

High School Students

Mostly As and Bs: Never drank alcohol – 82.6% and 60.4% of those who do drink, binge drank in the past 2 weeks. How often do best in school: those who never drank stated that they often or almost always do well = 76.2%. Days skipped of school of those who never drank = 85.3% said none.

Mostly As and Bs: Never used Marijuana - 85% and 60.7% of those who used marijuana did so in the past month. How often do best in school: those who never used marijuana stated that they often or almost always do well = 78.4%. Days skipped of school of those who don't use marijuana = 80.9% said none.

Never used any illicit drugs = 59.4%

Used other drugs in the past 30-days = 24.3% higher than the Florida students statewide = 22.9%.

The middle school out-of-school suspension rate in Lake County for 2012-13 was 2,968 out of 9,028 students.

The high school out-of-school suspension rate in Lake County for 2012-13 was 1,935 out of 11,356 students.

The Safe Climate Coalition feels that if we are able to reduce alcohol access by the underage youth, juvenile crime will also see a reduction given the large number of juveniles reporting that alcohol was involved at the time of their offense; and school performance will increase.

<p>Goal 1: Decrease the number of juvenile felony arrests of Lake County youth by 5% as measured by 2014, 2015 and 2016 DJJ's PACT data.</p> <p>Decrease the number of Lake County middle and high school students who report "mostly Ds and Fs" along with 30-day use by 5% as measured by the 2014 and 2016 FYSAS data.</p>		<p>Long Term Outcome 1: By 2015, Lake County will no longer be 1st and 2nd in the 5th Judicial Circuit for youth felony arrests.</p> <p>Long Term Outcome 2: By 2016, increase the risk or harm of alcohol use among Lake County middle and high school students by 10%.</p>
<p>Objective → Reduce and prevent alcohol, marijuana, synthetic drugs and prescription drugs by middle and high school aged youth in Lake County.</p>		
<p>Intervening Variable 1: <i>Low perceived risk of alcohol and other drugs.</i></p>		
<p>STRATEGY</p>	<p>SHORT TERM OUTCOMES</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES</p>
<p>Know the Law Campaign – education surrounding alcohol and other drug laws, juvenile crime, etc.</p>	<p>1. All parents receive & a printed "LCSB Code of Conduct with Know the Law insert." 2. All community groups requesting a copy of the "Know the Law" booklet and DVD will receive one. 3. All 6th grade youth receive a copy of the "Know the Law" booklet.</p>	<p>1. 100% of 6th grade student body in Lake County Schools will receive the Know the Law Campaign. 2. 50% of schools teaching Know the Law Campaign will provide 30 pre/posttests to the Coalition to determine knowledge gained from the campaign.</p>
<p>Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>1. Review SAMHSA tool kit for effective Town Hall meetings. 2. Create panel of experts to lead the discussion. 3. Work with local media to effectively promote.</p>	<p>1. Conduct a Town Hall meeting in Lake County. 2. Do sign-in sheets and evaluation forms.</p>
<p>Intervening Variable 2: <i>Social/ community norms accepting of alcohol and other drugs.</i></p>		
<p>STRATEGY</p>	<p>SHORT TERM OUTCOMES</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES</p>
<p>Social Norming Campaign – Friday Night Done Right or the Natural High Campaign – to promote the message that most teens do not drink or use drugs in order to have a good time.</p>	<p>1. Identify schools and/or organizations to participate. 2. Identify youth serving organizations that will partner with SCC to participate in the campaign.</p>	<p>1. Host at least 2 alcohol and drug-free events for youth. 2. Track campaign efforts in Lake County. 3. Collect intercept surveys from youth to identify campaign recognition.</p>
<p>Evidence-based Prevention Programs – Too Good for Drugs, Project Success, Strengthening Families (SURF).</p>	<p>1. Identify what programs are in place, what schools participate and how many youth are involved. 2. Work with the schools, community and prevention providers to support at least one of the identified programs. 3. Work with the schools and providers to ensure the</p>	<p>1. Identify prevention partners to implement program serving a minimum of 1000 youth. 2. Collect pre/posttests.</p>

	collection of evaluation data.	
Intervening Variable 3: <i>Social access/availability of alcohol and other drugs.</i>		
STRATEGY	SHORT TERM OUTCOMES	INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES
Parents Who Host, Lose the Most – a public awareness campaign educating communities and parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen parties.	1. Review the strategies and identify 2 areas where the county will focus. 2. Identify community partners. 3. Develop implementation plan.	1. Implement campaign in Lake County. 2. Collect intercept surveys from 50 adults in the community to identify campaign recognition.
Mandated “We ID” Signage Ordinance – work with community to pass an ordinance where all establishments that sell alcohol must have a “We ID” sign posted on their entrance door.	1. Identify community partners. 2. Draft language for the ordinance. 3. Complete an environmental scan of 20 establishments documenting “We ID” signs for alcohol.	1. Propose draft of “We ID” ordinance to the Lake County Commissioners meeting for vote on a future public hearing.
Intervening Variable 4: <i>Retail access/availability of alcohol and other drugs.</i>		
Alcohol Compliance Checks – work with Leesburg PD to increase enforcement of underage drinking (UAD) strategies.	1. Develop MOU with Leesburg PD. 2. Provide UAD strategy training if needed. 2. Ensure the collection of data from all underage drinking strategy operations.	1. Implement UAD strategy campaign. 2. Collect data and evaluate results of campaign.
Responsible Beverage Server Training (RBST) – to develop a comprehensive diversion plan for adults who serve/sell alcohol to minors.	1. SCC and local invited law enforcement partners will attend and participate in the Regional Prevention Training to learn the benefits of quarterly compliance checks and Responsible Beverage Server Trainings.	1. Develop plan for responsible beverage classes can be offered in the community. 2. Identify trainers. 3. Provide RBST.
Prescription Lock Boxes – SCC has provided depository safes in law enforcement offices in Lake County as part of a continuous ‘take back’ program in order for Lake County residents to safely dispose of unwanted medications.	1. Develop a plan to publicize the Prescription Lock Boxes.	1. Develop social marketing materials for distribution.
Goal 2: Increase the capacity of the Safe Climate Coalition with the agencies and organizations that deal with alcohol and drug abuse issues, to utilize a community-bases surveillance model of indirect indicators, evaluation in order to increase effectiveness in identifying appropriate evidence-based strategies for Lake County youth.		Long Term Outcome 1: By 2015, 80% of Lake County agencies working to reduce underage drinking will sign a MOU indicating agreement of implementing evidence based strategies based on utilizing a community surveillance model of direct and indirect indicators.
Objective → Increase the collaboration of community partners to increase awareness of Lake County alcohol and other drug use with annual reports to stakeholders in 12 sectors.		
STRATEGY	SHORT TERM OUTCOMES	INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES
Lake County Community Resource Guide – an online database of available resources in Lake County representing 77 categories of issues with thousands of resources on over 800 pages	1. Develop MOU with The Connection Helpline regarding updating and maintaining the LCCRG and database including the website; to include monthly English and Spanish editions for Lake County School	1. Develop plan to publicize LCCRG. 2. Collect usage data. 3. Provide Basic Needs Guides at appropriate community events.

of materials updated daily.	<p>Board use and monthly updates to the Basic Needs Guide.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provide reminders to Lake County agencies and organizations to input and maintain their information. 	
Quality of Life Report: A Snapshot of Lake County – A data driven needs assessment by community stakeholders updated annually that identifies Lake County as a prevention prepared community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify community organizations as partners. 2. Request data from community partners. 3. Collect and analyze Lake County data. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Quality of Life Report (print and web). 2. Identify community groups to share the Quality of Life Report. 3. Request data to determine need priorities. 4. Analyze community input to develop priority list for the 2015 Quality of Life Report.
Northeast Region Data Collaborative – a group representing CCA coalitions whose task is to collect, analyze and present alcohol and other drug data to the Northeast Region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SCC will identify a coalition member to dedicate 2 hours a month to data collection and discussion. 2. Participate in bi-monthly collaborative conference calls. 3. Data collection as identified. 4. Assist CCA Evaluator in effective evaluation methods in developing Regional Evaluation Plan. 	
Mental Health First Aid Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish MHFA Workgroup 2. Provide training to MHFA Instructors 3. Develop social marketing and awareness campaign to reduce discrimination and stigma around behavioral health issues. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase MH literacy by providing MHFA trainings to community members, community organizations, etc.