

TALBOT PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention envisions a safe, healthy, productive community. Together with scores of community organizations and citizens, we work to create conditions that keep youth free of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Our activities are focused in five areas:

- Building community norms favoring substance-free teens.
- Helping families provide limits in loving ways.
- Working with youth to make it appealing to be substance-free.
- Making it hard for youth to obtain alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- Stopping chemical dependency early.

Two highlights of the past year are as follows: 804 families of children in grades 5th through 12th joined the **Safe Homes** program, pledging to supervise teen gatherings and not to allow teen alcohol or tobacco use in their homes; and **medical outreach** began to encourage physicians and medical office staff to screen teen clients for alcohol or other drug abuse.

The following pages provide an overview of our past year's activities and income and expenses.



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We build community norms favoring substance-free teens.

We continued to place articles, photos, letters to editor and advertisements in local news media to build awareness of substance-free events and to educate the public. Outstanding among these were the release of survey data showing that Talbot County parents strongly support measures for alcohol and tobacco-free teens and the promotion of **TurnAround**, the health department's free, confidential teen drug assessment program. We also continued to distribute information monthly through secondary school newsletters.

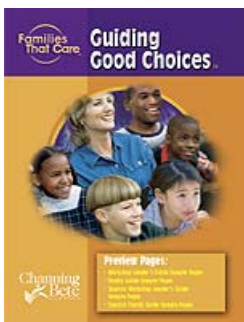
Partnership continued to provide volunteers and funding in support of substance-free community activities including **First Night Talbot** and **after-prom or after-graduation** parties at Easton, St. Michaels and Saints Peter and Paul High Schools.

We help families provide limits in loving ways.



Safe Homes, a program in which families pledge to supervise teen gatherings and to not allow underage use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in their homes, expanded to include families with children in 5th as well as 6th through 12th grades. More than 1000 children from 804 families were part of **Safe Homes**.

In partnership with Talbot County Department of Social Services, T. C. Health Department and the Talbot Family Network, Talbot Partnership promotes **Every Parent Can!** to link families with resources for raising healthy children. **Every Parent Can!** includes a telephone help line and a web-site at www.everyparentcan.org.



More than 60 families completed the **Nurturing Program** or **Guiding Good Choices**, parenting programs that help families increase skills and increase the likelihood that their children will stay free of substance abuse.

Talbot Partnership began hosting a Friday noon **Al-Anon** meeting especially for parents.

We work with youth to make it appealing to be substance-free.

Peer leadership groups that promote healthy lifestyles through messages and activities are active at all high schools and public middle schools in the county. Overall, more than 100 youth are involved.

YCAT (Youth Coalition Against Tobacco) engaged a small cadre of teens in providing banners and social activities to promote freedom from tobacco.

We make it hard for youth to get alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

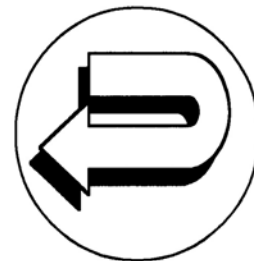
Working with our partners in the **Law Enforcement Action Team** as well as health and human services professionals and educators, Partnership continues to create and enforce policies which decrease access to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. This includes coordination of enforcement activities, compliance checks, party patrols and sobriety checks. Findings from 2004-05 are as follows:

- The compliance rate for not selling tobacco to minors was 84%.
- The compliance rate for not selling alcohol to minors fell from 85% to 50%. There was an 18-month gap in compliance checks; this drop in compliance indicates the importance of frequent checks.
- County regulation for 100% clean indoor air in restaurants with bars was in effect all year. Revenues in restaurants with beer, wine and liquor licenses returned to pre-legislation levels by June 2005.
- “Do Not Smoke” signs were maintained at all county ball fields.

We stop chemical dependency early.

Talbot County Public Schools’ **Student Assistance Program** generated 98 referrals during the school year. **Teen Court**, begun in 2000 to allow young people to hold their peers accountable and deliver a fair and just disposition, has continued to handle charges against first-time offenders and served 64 youth under 18 during this fiscal year. **Drug Court**, another program of the Department of Juvenile Services in collaboration with Talbot County Health Department and Talbot County Circuit Court, provided education and counseling to 50 youth under 18 who had charges related to illegal drugs. Talbot County Health Department **Addictions Clinic** provided treatment to 166 young people, many of whom were directed there as a result of the **TurnAround** Program.

TurnAround



Can Help

Both the **Drug Court** program for youth and the substance-abuse treatment program at the Talbot County Detention Center have dramatically reduced the readmission rate among those who complete the programs.

A **Medical Outreach** project was launched in the spring of 2005. Partnership staff developed a resource manual and began visiting pediatric and family physician offices to coach staff on how to quickly screen and refer adolescents for alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

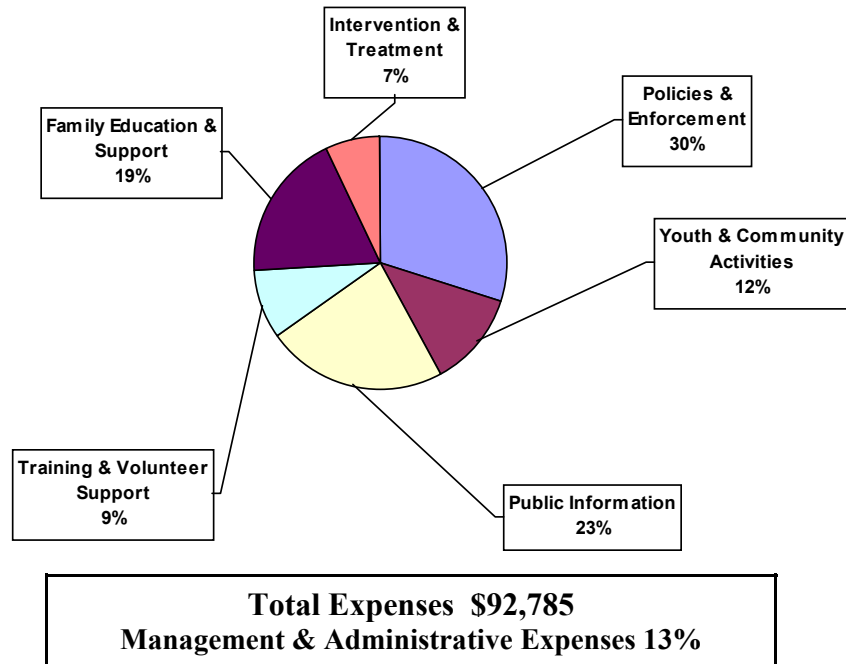
Parents Make a Difference

“My parents” is the #1 answer children give to explain why they refuse offers of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Talbot Teen Substance Abuse Rates

Visit our website, www.talbotpartnership.org, for the latest information.

PARTNERSHIP EXPENSES



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