

Florida's Drug Control Strategy 2009



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AN OVERVIEW OF FLORIDA’S 2009 DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Strategic Vision: A future characterized by safe and healthy families and communities.

Four Broad Goals:

Goal 1. Protect Florida’s youth.

Goal 2. Reduce the demand for drugs.

Goal 3. Reduce the supply of drugs.

Goal 4. Reduce the human suffering, moral degradation, and harmful social, health, and economic consequences of drug abuse and addiction in Florida.

Guiding Principles:

1. Be comprehensive, integrated, and balanced in prevention, treatment, and law enforcement.
2. Focus on the vital role of faith, families, friends, schools, and communities.
3. Address the prevention and treatment needs of all ages.
4. Maximize evidence-based prevention approaches, including the involvement of young people.
5. Be research-based, measurable, and accountable for performance.
6. Be long-term in nature and built upon strong, sustained leadership and federal, state, and local collaboration.

Major Components of Florida’s Drug Control Strategy			
<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>PLANNING / IMPLEMENTATION</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>	
<i>What do we want?</i>	<i>What do we do to get there?</i>	<i>Are we getting there?</i>	<i>Did we get there?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overarching Strategic Vision • Broad Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives • Programs • Policies • Practices • Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate indicators • Benchmarks or Milestones • Risk and Protective Factors • Contributing Conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Measures • Targets • Impact • Results • Outputs

A Brief Outline of the Four Major Chapters:

Chapter 1: The Extent of the Problem.

- Measuring Youth Substance Use
- Measuring Adult Substance Use
- Drug-Related Morbidity and Mortality
- Substance Abuse and Child Maltreatment
- Drugs in the Workplace
- Methamphetamine in Florida
- Drugs, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System
- Gangs in Florida
- Florida Drug Threat Assessments

Chapter 2: Stopping Use Before it Starts.

- The Importance of Prevention
- Risk and Protective Factors
- A Typology of Prevention Strategies
- Communities and Community Coalitions
- Prevention is Local: The Vital Role of Community Coalitions
- A Comprehensive Strategic Planning Process
- The Relationship Between Federal, State, and Local/Community Efforts

Chapter 3: Healing and Rehabilitation.

- Understanding Addiction and Substance Use Disorders
- Drug Treatment Works
- Classifying Treatment Approaches
- Treatment Settings
- Characteristics of Treatment Admissions
- Estimating the Unmet Need for Treatment
- Co-Occurring Disorders: Addiction and Other Mental Illnesses
- Toward a Comprehensive, Continuous, and Integrated System of Care
- Enhancing Services with Accountability and National Outcome Measures
- Treatment in the Criminal Justice System

Chapter 4: Supply Reduction and Market Disruption.

- Disrupting the Black Market and Reducing the Supply of Illegal Drugs
- Reducing Youth Access to Alcohol
- Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco
- Reducing Prescription Drug Diversion

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: Protect the youth.

Objective 1-1: By December 2009, the Department of Children and Families' Substance Abuse Prevention Office and Family Safety Office will create a system of substance abuse screening, assessment, intervention, and treatment for individuals and families involved in Florida's child welfare system.

Objective 1-2: By November 2009 and annually thereafter, the Department of Children and Families' Substance Abuse Program Office, in coordination with the Family Safety Office, will develop a plan for collaborative training initiatives for child protective investigators, case managers, and family intervention specialists.

Objective 1-3: By December 2011, increase by 20% the number of parents in the child welfare system meeting the National Outcome Measure standards and completing substance abuse treatment.

Objective 1-4: By July 2010, the Department of Children and Families and the Office of Adoption and Child Protection will implement a minimum of two pilot programs for substance abuse and child maltreatment prevention focused on children in or at risk of entering the child welfare system.

Objective 1-5: By June 2012, the Department of Children and Families will reduce out-of-home placements in the child welfare system by 50%.

Objective 1-6: By June 2010, pass legislation that directs the development and posting of health warning signs at all points of alcohol sale that deal with the dangers of consuming alcoholic beverages while pregnant.

Objective 1-7: By December 2010, the Department of Health and partners will raise awareness among pregnant women and prenatal healthcare providers in order to increase to at least 80% the percentage of pregnant women who report talking with a prenatal healthcare provider about how drinking alcohol, smoking, and using illegal drugs during pregnancy can affect unborn children.

Objective 1-8: By July 2010, a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) training module that incorporates the core principles contained within the FASD Center for Excellence will be incorporated into the Department of Children and Families' Core Training for all child welfare case managers and supervisors.

Objective 1-9: By July 2012, all children entering the dependency system (foster and relative care) will be screened for possible Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and those who screen positive will be referred for a comprehensive FASD Diagnostic Assessment.

Objective 1-10: Promote statewide support for the Attorney General's Gang Reduction Strategy:

- By July 2009, the Office of Drug Control will identify drug-related objectives from the Gang Reduction Strategy to be prioritized by state, local, and community counterdrug resources.
- By July 2009, the Office of Drug Control will coordinate community anti-drug coalition participation in each of the Attorney General's seven Regional Gang Reduction Task Forces.
- The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will maintain the statewide gang/drug intelligence sharing database (InSite) and train local law enforcement agencies on its use.

GOAL 2: Reduce the demand for drugs.

PREVENTION- AND TREATMENT-BASED:

Objective 2-1: By July 2009, the Department of Children and Families will report all National Outcome Measures and implement policies to meet or exceed national averages.

PREVENTION-BASED:

Objective 2-2: By September 2009, the Department of Children and Families, in conjunction with county anti-drug coalitions, will publish an environmental scan report documenting the nature and extent of alcohol and tobacco promotion in the state.

Objective 2-3: By June 2012, all prevention coalitions will have a youth empowerment component involving organizations such as the Florida Youth Delegation.

Objective 2-4: By September annually, the State Epidemiology Workgroup will publish a report on state identified priorities, trends, and emerging patterns of drug consumption and related consequences, contributing factors, and variables.

Objective 2-5: By the end of each academic year, in even-numbered calendar years, ensure that the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS) is administered in all 67 Florida counties; in odd-numbered calendar years, ensure that the FYSAS is administered to a valid state-level sample of schools.

Objective 2-6: By December 2012, develop and implement an adult substance abuse survey.

Objective 2-7: By June 2011, 90% of Florida's 67 counties will have a needs assessment and logic model that analyzes locally-identified priorities and state-identified priorities.

Objective 2-8: By June 2010, The Center for Prevention Workforce Development will publish a Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Council-approved comprehensive prevention workforce development plan.

Objective 2-9: By July 2012, substance abuse prevention providers will reduce staff turnover to below 25% annually.

Objective 2-10: By June 2012, 90% of those counties that have an approved needs assessment and logic model will also have a state-coordinated, evidence-based action plan.

Objective 2-11: By June 2012, increase the percent of state-directed prevention funds that implement and support evidence-based policies, practices, and programs to 75%.

Objective 2-12: Beginning July 2010 and annually thereafter, the Office of Drug Control will publish a report of federal and state funding for prevention services in Florida.

Objective 2-13: By July 2012, increase total funding for prevention by 15%.

TREATMENT-BASED:

Objective 2-14: By July 2012, increase by 20% the number of individuals with English as a Second Language that receive substance abuse treatment.

Objective 2-15: Implement the Comprehensive, Continuous and Integrated System of Care in Florida.

Objective 2-16: Beginning July 2010 and annually thereafter, the Office of Drug Control will publish a report of federal and state funding for treatment services in Florida.

Objective 2-17: By July 2012, increase Medicaid-funded substance abuse services by 20%.

Objective 2-18: By July 2011, all substance abuse and mental health treatment providers receiving state funding will be co-occurring capable.

Objective 2-19: By July 2012, implement a managing entity or other coordinating group to integrate substance abuse, mental health, and primary healthcare in each Florida community.

Objective 2-20: By July 2012, Florida county health departments will screen for substance abuse and mental disorders as part of routine health services and refer individuals to treatment as needed.

Objective 2-21: By July 2012, increase by 30% the number of primary care settings that use universal, evidence-based substance abuse screening and brief interventions to reduce substance abuse and dependence across the life span.

Objective 2-22: By July 2011, the Department of Health will provide recurring substance abuse education (emphasizing prescription drug abuse, misuse, and diversion) for the physicians in Florida.

Objective 2-23: By July 2012, substance abuse treatment providers will reduce staff turnover to below 25% annually.

Objective 2-24: By July 2012, expand the number of clients served in existing drug courts by 25%.

Objective 2-25: By July 2010 and annually thereafter, the Office of Drug Control will partner with the Office of State Courts Administrator to provide substance-abuse-related training and education to judges and other court personnel.

Objective 2-26: By July 2011, identify permanent funding to sustain the long-term operation of drug courts.

GOAL 3: Reduce the supply of drugs.

Objective 3-1: By October annually, the Florida Fusion Center, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida National Guard, will coordinate with Florida's three High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas and other federal, state, and local partners to produce a comprehensive Statewide Drug Threat Assessment.

Objective 3-2: Within 75 days of the publication of the Statewide Drug Threat Assessment, the Office of Drug Control will convene a multi-agency task force consisting of federal, state, and local partners to identify drug enforcement priorities for the state.

Objective 3-3: By December 2009, the Office of Drug Control will convene a money laundering advisory group comprised of federal, state, and local stakeholders that will:

- Identify any potential to increase money laundering prosecutions at the state level through the Statewide Prosecutor's Office.
- Assist with the identification of and response to any emerging trends within the area of money laundering.
- Identify and recommend new legislation that will deter money laundering activities.

Objective 3-4: By July 2011, identify replacement funding for Violent Crime and Drug Control Council distribution to local law enforcement.

Objective 3-5: By July 2010, align the federal Transportation Worker Identification Credential with port security requirements in Florida Statute 311.12.

Objective 3-6: By June and December annually, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco will annually maintain or exceed an 80% compliance rate standard for

tobacco sales (as mandated by the Synar Amendment) and a 90% compliance rate standard for alcohol sales, and report compliance rates to the State Epidemiology Workgroup and the Department of Children and Families.

Objective 3-7: By July 2010, enact keg registration in Florida.

Objective 3-8: By December 2011, the Office of Drug Control, Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, and community stakeholders will collaborate to restrict youth access to tobacco by increasing community mobilization, education, awareness, and policy development that aligns with the Centers for Disease Control's Best Practices.

Objective 3-9: By December 2010, implement a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to reduce prescription drug diversion and abuse.

Objective 3-10: By July 2012, a minimum of 50% of physicians prescribing medications will electronically verify patient medication histories.

GOAL 4: Reduce the human suffering, moral degradation, and harmful social, health, and economic consequences of drug abuse and addiction in Florida.

Objective 4-1: By December 2010, the Department of Health and Department of Children and Families (DCF) will ensure that all DCF regions will engage in outreach to injection drug users and other substance abusers.

Objective 4-2: By December 2010, the Department of Health and Department of Children and Families will ensure that all HIV/AIDS planning bodies have substance abuse service provider representation.

Objective 4-3: By December 2009 the Office of Drug Control will publish a White Paper to reduce drug-related deaths as reported annually in the Florida Medical Examiners' Report.

Objective 4-4: By September 2010, the Office of Drug Control will establish a Statewide Drug Free Workplace Task Force.

Objective 4-5: By March 2012, the Statewide Drug Free Workplace Task Force will publish a statewide strategy to expand business participation by 25% and to strengthen drug prevention, education, testing, and intervention in Florida businesses.

Objective 4-6: By August annually, the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Children and Families will publish a statewide events calendar that supports Recovery Month (September) in order to educate society about the nature of addiction as a disease that people can successfully recover from; reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with addiction; and promote public support for treatment.

Objective 4-7: Annually, the Office of Drug Control will conduct a stakeholder survey to review progress toward achieving objectives in the *Drug Control Strategy* and to identify priority issues impacting drug control in Florida.