

**Joint Interim Committee on
Addiction and Community Safety Response
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Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

There is created the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, which is charged with improving the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment services.

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ADPC 2020-25 Strategic Plan:

4 Outcomes
4 Strategic Goals

OUTCOMES

- Decreased prevalence of substance use disorders
- Decrease of Oregonians who die from substance use-related causes
- Reduce health disparities
- Reduce economic burden of substance use in Oregon

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Statewide system
- Prevention
- Access to Treatment
- Recovery Supports

What is Prevention

An active process of creating conditions that promote the well-being of individuals, families, and communities, and prevents behavioral health challenges from occurring or progressing.

The action of stopping something before it happens.

What is a Prevention Specialist

Prevention Specialist credentials requires a minimum of 150 hours of specialized training and the passing of a rigorous examination.

Credentialed prevention staff ensure that programs are delivering on their mission of ensuring public safety and well-being.

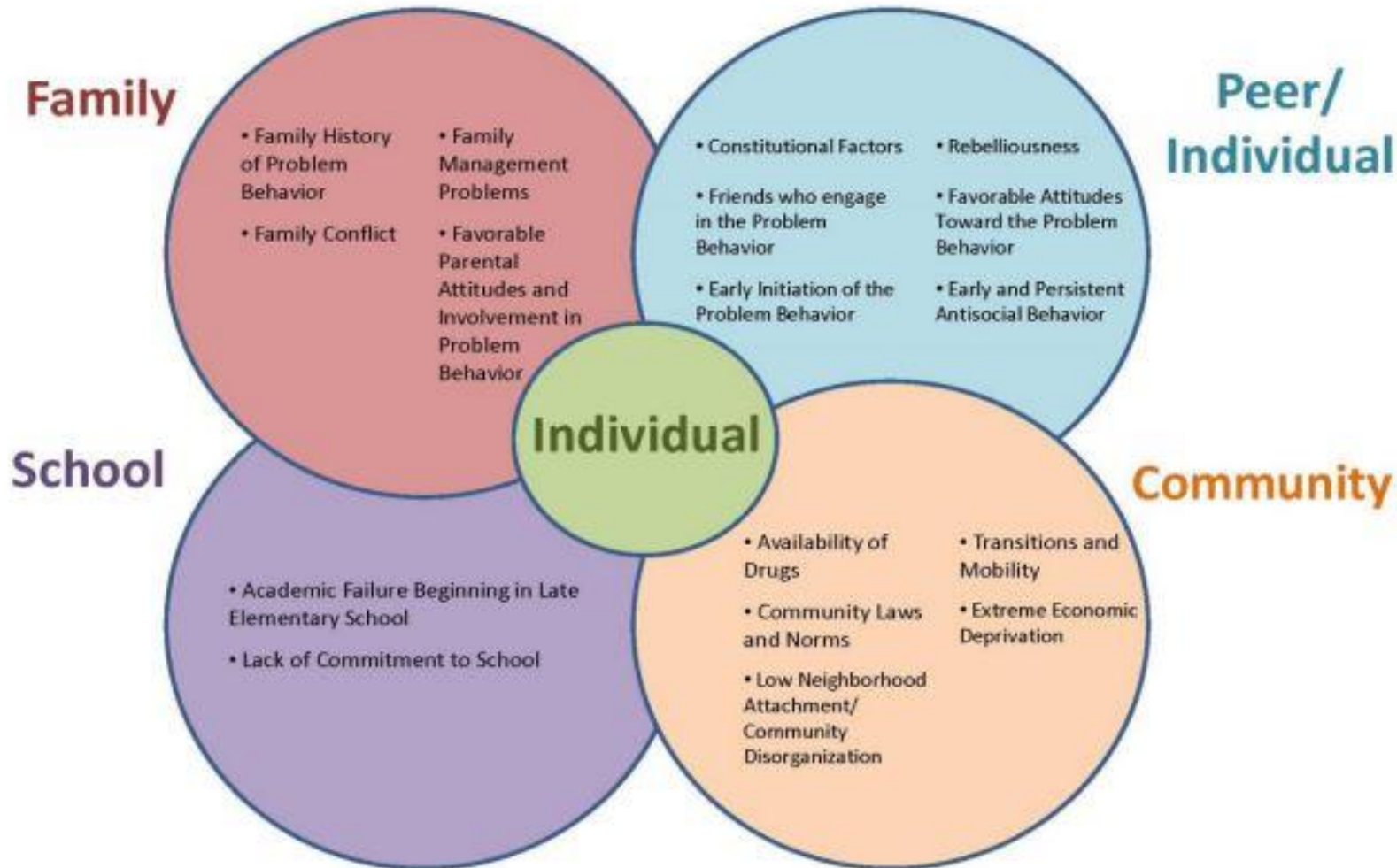
Oregon currently has 62 Certified Prevention Specialist. The recommended number for a state our size is 968.

Prevention From a Risk & Protect Factor Lens

Figure 1

Domain Model for CTC Risk Factors:

Each domain plays an equal role in affecting the individual.



The Cost of Substance Use Disorder

(2019) The current estimated economic cost of substance use disorder in the United States is approximately **\$3.73 trillion annually, a figure that consumes the equivalent of the combined GDP of 45 of the 50 US States.**

(This figure was tabulated before the current fentanyl crisis.)

The Cost of Substance Use Disorder

The rate of alcohol-related deaths (including acute and chronic causes) increased 30% from 2011 to 2020 and was responsible for over 2,500 deaths in 2020.

Excessive alcohol use costs the Oregon economy \$4.8 billion per year.

Oregon Substance Use Prevention Funding

Primary Prevention

SAMHSA requires that grantees spend no less than 20% of their SUBG allotment on substance use primary prevention strategies. These strategies are directed at individuals not identified to be in need of treatment.

**That equates to just under \$4.2 million OR
\$25 for every youth 17 and under**

Oregon Substance Use Prevention Funding

Primary Prevention

In Wasco County we receive the minimum grant amount from the block grant. Some counties receive more based on their population. This funding source is the only stable funding that most counties receive to address primary substance use prevention.

Wasco County receives \$61,500 per year. That equates to \$10.86 for every youth 17 and under.

Since the inception of this program, there has been a 68% decline in juvenile referrals from our local middle school and no subsequent increase in recidivism.

YouthThink's "What's Strong With You" Project 2020—2025 SPF-PFS Grant



The Problem Youth involvement in risky behaviors and failure to thrive

But Why

- Legalization for adult consumption in the state of Oregon
- Increased number of marijuana stores and brew pubs
- Decrease in the perception of harm of some substances
- Increase of perception of peer use
- Decrease in the average age of onset
- Increased indication of self-medicating with above substances
- Lack of secure attachment within in the family unit
- Misperception of adult use of some substances
- Impact of social media/technology and it's impact on the developing brain
- Lack of emotional literacy skills among care providers

Solutions/Strategies

- What's Strong With You Middle School Program
- T2T Parent Boost Camps
- Family Check-Up
- Community integration with Schools, law enforcement and health providers
- Overarching social media/marketing messaging campaign including video production
- Universal Screening—SBIRT plus ACE's & mental health
- Teen Intervene
- Life of an Athlete
- Classroom Champions
- Parent Cafes
- Hope Squads/Suicide Prevention
- Town Hall/Community Events
- Youth led environmental scan

Desired Outcomes

- Increase resiliency
- Increased secure familial attachment
- Increase in academic achievement
- Prevention of substance use
- Decrease in addiction
- Decrease in incarceration
- Decrease in health care costs
- Improved physical and mental health
- Increase in future employable/stable workforce

Integrated Partners Include:

- Schools
- Law Enforcement
- Medical Providers
- Treatment
- Recovery Community
- Juvenile Department
- Health Department
- Local Media
- Chamber/Business
- Childcare Providers
- Other youth serving groups
- Faith Community

What's Next for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission?

- **Build a Foundation:** High functioning and effective Commission that can rely on data and metrics to make informed decisions and meaningfully measure progress as well as setbacks.
- **Bridge the divide:** Establish ADPC role with participating state agencies, align priorities across state government, and reduce siloes.
- **Close the Gap:** Recommend priorities for immediate funding and implementation that will address system gaps and ensure rapid access to treatment and services.

Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission Strategy for 2024

- October 9 Commission Resolution to Develop a Statewide Strategy to Reduce Deaths due to Overdose in 2024
- ADPC Prevention, Treatment, Recovery and Harm Reduction Committees developing Recommended Strategies and Actions
- Joint System of Care Advisory Council/Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission Youth Committee



Thank you!

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