



Partnerships for Success Summary July 2005 through June 2007

PfS Mission:

To build our community's ability to prevent and respond effectively to child and adolescent problem behaviors while promoting positive youth development.

The Partnerships for Success process was developed and initiated in Williams County prior to Housebill 289 implementation. To align with HB 289 the long range commitment chosen to target in Williams County is **Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors***. The targeted impacts and the short-term outcomes chosen through the PfS process will directly impact this commitment. The criterion for success for the commitment of youth choosing health behaviors will be the reduction of births to teen mothers and the reduction of stress, depression and suicide ideation in teens. (See attachment A)

1st Year July 2005 through June 2006 – Planning Year

Planning Year Highlights:

- Mobilization of Key Community Leaders and Champions
- Community Leader Orientation
- Needs Assessment Workgroup Formation - Data Informed not Data Driven
 - Collected Data on Six Target Impact Areas
 - Assessed Community Values and Views
 - Top Rated Priority Areas in Order
 1. Teen Pregnancy
 2. Mental Health
 3. Substance Abuse
 4. Delinquency
 5. Violence
 6. School Success

Teen Pregnancy:

Long-Term Outcome Youth Choose Health Behaviors*

Intermediate Outcome - Reduce number of births to teen mothers

Short-term Outcome - Increase Positive Pro Social Adult Role Model Interactions

Mental Health:

Long-term Outcome - Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors*

Intermediate Outcome - Reduce Negative Behaviors Associated with Mental Health

Short-term Outcome - Increase Family Support

- Resource Assessment Workgroup sent letters to service providers and conducted three community meetings to identify the following:
 - Programs addressing Family Support
 - Programs addressing Pro-social Adult/Mentoring

- Strategic Assessment Workgroup
 - Identified Gaps in services
 - Reviewed multiple evidence based and promising programs
 - Recommended Strategies based on short term outcomes
- New Strategies Chosen
 - ***School Community Sexual Risk Reduction for Teens*** with goals of:
 - Hire Coordinator
 - Implement Comprehensive sex education curriculum in at least one school district
 - Youth Behavior Risk Survey with goal of:
 - Surveying all seven school districts

- Enhancement Strategies Chosen
 - ***Families and Schools Together*** with goal of:
 - Implement in one additional school district
 - ***Signs of Suicide*** with goal of:
 - Implementing in all seven school districts
 - ***Choosing the Best*** with goal of:
 - Implementing in entirety in one school (e.g. all classroom sessions in each of three curricula)

2nd Year – July 2006 through June 2007 – Implementation Year

Teen Pregnancy, Mental Health, Youth Risk Behavior Survey Implementation workgroups formed to address the five strategies chosen by strategic assessment workgroup.

- Logic Models Developed
- Measurable long & short term outcomes determined
- Implementation plan outlined

Youth Behavior Risk Survey Committee formed:

- Workgroup was comprised of school administrators, educators, mental health professionals, public health and nursing personnel reviewed CDC youth behavior risk survey and chose optional questions to be asked of Williams County youth.
- Met with school superintendents to present plan for survey and to secure permission.
- In October 2006 Youth Behavior Risk Survey was conducted among youth ages 12-18 in randomly chosen classrooms in six Williams County School Districts.
- YRBS Rollout in February 2007 - Responses from key leaders indicated that results of the survey indicated mental health of teens and reducing teen pregnancy continue to be the priority areas targeted in helping teens chose healthy behaviors.

Strategy Successes and Challenges

School/Community Sexual Risk Reduction for Teens – Teen Pregnancy Prevention

1. Evaluation tool developed to determine influence of Pro-social adult role model in decision making
2. Three schools participated in the High Risk Teen Support Mentoring Groups
 - 10 girls in each school meet in support groups bi-weekly
 - mentor is public health nurse
 - discussions on attitude, changing high risk behaviors
 - special speakers provide information on STI's, alcohol and substance abuse dating violence, healthy relationships and other information girls request
 - Program evaluation to measure changes in behaviors because of positive relationship and influence of mentor with following results:
 - 95.2% indicated better able to make positive choices because of relationship with pro-social adult
 - 76.2% indicated change in behavior because of mentoring
2. A survey of Adult Community Members was conducted to determine attitudes and perceptions about teen pregnancy in Williams County and about implementation of different measures to reduce sexual risks of teens.
3. Funding in the amount of \$74,100.00 secured through Williams County Job and Family Services to support full time teen pregnancy prevention coordinator to implement School/Community Sexual Risk Reduction Among

Teens starting July 1, 2007

4. Billboard campaign developed and implemented to raise community awareness of high rates of teen pregnancy in Williams County.

Achieved goals of evaluating effect of pro-social adult role model on positive decision making and hiring full time coordinator to implement program in FY 2007-08

Choosing the Best

1. Received technical support from State PfS for developing logic model and increasing fidelity of program and developing evaluation tool
2. Contacted teachers in Bryan City School to enlist commitment to implement program in entirety in three grade levels, but received no commitment to do so
3. Worked with Ridge Project to have them provide logic model for program to determine strategies utilized and expected outcomes for Choosing the Best. In addition pre and post program evaluations done by Ohio Department of Health and Miami University were to be provided to Partnerships for Success to determine effectiveness and outcomes. Several contacts were made with the Ridge Project in attempt to secure data but to date has not been received.
4. Advised by state to drop support because of inability to effectively evaluate outcomes

Families and School Together

1. Commitment from North Central Schools to Implement Middle School FAST which has not been done previously in Williams County
2. Commitment from Four County Family Center
3. Team recruited and training conducted for the team in June 2007
4. Program funded with \$10,000.00 PfS implementation dollars and additional \$9,700.00 received from Williams County United Way to fully implement program in Fall 2007

Reached Goal of FAST in three Williams County schools

Signs of Suicide

1. Increased from one school district to five school districts
2. Evaluation tool developed to determine programs participants increase in awareness of depression and recognition of suicide ideation in themselves and others and to determine retention of newly acquired knowledge
3. Evaluation data collected from the five schools and from one school to act as a control group. SPSS utilized to enter data for analysis.

4. Feature article on teen depression and suicide written for Bryan Times with assistance of local psychologist. Ads on signs of teen depression and suicide will be included in awareness campaign
5. Articles on teen depression and SOS program provided for participating school newsletters
6. 21 youth requested intervention following the program compared to 3 students in 2006-07 school year

All seven school districts will be recruited to participate in the 2007-08 school year

Sustainability Activities

- FY 08
 - Grant funding application written to expand Mental Health Component
 - Funding received to continue School/Community SRRP to be called **Teen Pregnancy Prevention** for minimum one year
 - Four County Family Center (FCFC) to offer SOS to all schools in FY 08
 - FAST will continue through FCFC with ADAMhs Board funding in at least two schools, third school dependent on funding
 - Two FCFC members trained in utilizing statistical software program SPSS and software purchased to provide continuing accurate data collection and analysis
 - Three FCFC members received Grantsmanship Center Grant Writing training which includes resource and technical support
 - Williams Community service providers provided with Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop training

- FY 09
 - Analysis of Data to determine progress
 - Planning process will be revisited to determine target impact focus for next several years
 - Youth Behavioral Risk Survey to be repeated