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CPC HISTORY IN BRIEF

1998-1999

Connecticut, via the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS), received a State Incentive Grant (SIG) from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) with the requirement of multi-agency oversight. This oversight group was named the Cooperative Agreement Advisory Committee (CAAC). Accomplishments included:

- prevention resources assessed statewide;
- plan produced; and
- recommendations created and presented to CAAC.

2000-2006

CAAC became the CT Coalition for the Advancement of Prevention (CCAP), which oversaw a federal initiative called PRISM (Partnership Resource Infrastructure Monies), a statewide, SAMHSA-funded, mental health grant to promote exemplary practices. The many accomplishments included: surveys, statewide conferences, and enhanced relationships.

2006

DMHAS, reflecting the federal focus, targeted underage drinking and other risky behaviors. Utilizing CCAP, separate advisory boards were developed. CCAP was charged with reassessing priorities, directions, and pursuing answers to such questions as: What is prevention? Who is providing it? Where do we go from here?

November 2006

CCAP, in an effort to be more inclusive, to recognize and honor all forms of prevention efforts in the state, was reconceptualized and implemented as the **Connecticut Prevention Collaborative (CPC)**. The CPC's scope was broadened to not only include substance abuse, violence prevention and mental health promotion, but also physical health, safety, and education, particularly as it relates to root causes. Furthermore, the CPC facilitates networking and increases learning opportunities, breaks down silos between prevention efforts, and supports and highlights collaboration.



ABOUT THE CPC

The purpose of the Connecticut Prevention Collaborative (CPC) is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information concerning prevention programming across the state through:

- diverse opportunities for networking;
- building bridges between and within service providers by addressing turf issues and increasing trust; and
- serving as a vehicle for internal professional development.

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