

Overview

Decatur Community Partnership (DCP) is a formal network of the major health, human service, law enforcement, local government, education, youth, parents, and media agencies.

DCP was organized in 1991 as a community-wide effort to combat youth drug use.

DCP collaborates with community organizations to effectively reduce substance abuse among residents, especially youth!

Purpose

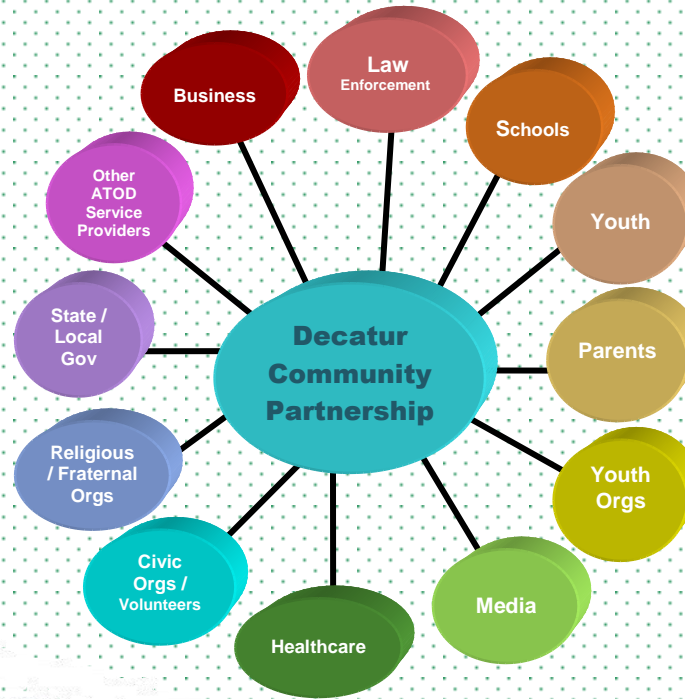
Decatur Community Partnership identifies and addresses gaps in consumer service through an integrated system that includes research of best practices and management team leadership, working toward policy change and bringing more persons to self-sufficiency. Decatur Community Partnership is sustained through collaborative funding from grants, donations, partner contributions, and in-kind services.

Vision

The Decatur Community Partnership is recognized as a facilitator to support collaborations in order to improve quality of life and community health.

Mission

Decatur Community Partnership is committed to promoting collaborative programming among community organizations and individuals, and encouraging the integration of services to effectively improve the quality of life and the health of Macon County residents.



Decatur Community Partnership is represented by the above sectors.



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Committed to
excellence in serving
youth & families in
the Decatur/Macon
County community



DCP Components

Decatur Drug-Free Community Coalition



The **Decatur Drug-Free Community Coalition** is a community-based formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration among groups, individuals, and sectors of the community in which each retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community. The coalition works within the community to identify and address local youth substance use problems and create sustainable community-level change through environmental strategies

The coalition is operated through community partners and is supported by funding through the IL Dept. of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Purpose: Establish and strengthen collaboration to prevent youth substance abuse.

Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time among adults by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize risk of substance abuse.

Vision: To improve the overall health and quality of life for Decatur/Macon County residents.

Mission: To promote collaborative programming among community organizations and individuals, and encourage the integration of services to work toward a drug-free Decatur/Macon County



Decatur Community Partnership has a community-wide SADD Chapter developed to include all high schools in Decatur/Macon County who do not have their own individual school chapter.

SADD's mission: To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, and other destructive decisions.

Strategic Prevention Framework



The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) is a 5-step planning process that guides the selection, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based, culturally appropriate, sustainable prevention activities. The SPF's effectiveness begins with a clear understanding of community needs and depends on the involvement of community members in all stages of the planning process. The SPF is designed to help states, jurisdictions, tribes, and communities build the infrastructure necessary for effective and sustainable prevention. Focused on systems development, the SPF reflects a public health, or community-based, approach to delivering effective prevention.

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP)

The STOP Act program was created to strengthen collaboration among communities, the Federal Government, and State, local and tribal governments; to enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth; to serve as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors and organizations of a community that first demonstrates a long-term commitment to reducing alcohol use among youth; to disseminate to communities timely information regarding state-of-the-art practices and initiatives that have proven to be effective in preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth; and to enhance, not supplant, effective local community initiatives for preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth.



DCP currently has the only OS Chapter in Macon County. Operation Snowball is an alcohol and other drug use prevention program focusing on leadership development to empower youth to lead drug-free lives. Operation Snowball is founded on the belief that youth and adults can make responsible decisions when provided with factual information and an opportunity to develop an understanding of one's self and motivations.