Total Community Approach (TCA)

Total Community Approach is a partnership between the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative (Collaborative) and local communities most affected by substance abuse to address problems caused by use of these substances. Total Community Approach teams local municipalities/Local Collaboratives and targets resources, from prevention to treatment and law enforcement to the areas where they are most needed to deal with substance abuse and behavioral health challenges. Communities are engaged in planning and implementing the services best suited to address the substance use issues in their communities.

3 million dollars was made available for this initiative by the Legislature for FY08. This is recurring funding.

The Local Collaboratives (LCs) were selected to receive funding based on data provided by the Department of Health/Epidemiology and Response Division. The LCs selected were required to submit a plan with a budget between $500,000 and $600,000. The sites selected and their target populations are listed below.

Status report as June 2008:

- LC 4—San Miguel, Mora, and Guadalupe Counties. LC 4 is targeting adults (18 years of age and over) with alcohol and substance use issues in Las Vegas (individuals who reside in Las Vegas and come to Las Vegas for their services).

  Treatment Component: LC 4 has implemented a central intake model which links consumers to services utilizing the following components: 1) a centralized and objective screening, assessment, and referral process, 2) consumer choice in selecting provider(s), 3) a consumer driven approach, 4) a comprehensive provider network, and 5) workforce development and training.

  Prevention Component: LC 4 has implemented Responsible Retailing, an environmental prevention strategy, and Dare to Be You and Parent as Teachers which are universal prevention strategies.

  Law Enforcement Component: CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) has been presented in Las Vegas, Santa Rosa. In Las Vegas, officers from the State Police, Mora Sheriff’s Dept., Las Vegas City Police, and NM Highlands University security attended. In Santa Rosa, officers from the Sheriff’s Dept. and NMCD corrections officers attended.

  Partnerships: LC 4 is working collaboratively with the following agencies: Ayudantes, New Mexico BH Institute/Community Based Services, Las Vegas jail, Richard’s Drop In Center, Las Vegas City Police, Mora Sheriff’s Dept., Luna Community College, and local DWI.

- LC 5—Chaves, Lea, and Eddy Counties. LC 5 is targeting adolescents (ages 13-18) and their families, with substance use issues, in Hobbs.

  Treatment Component: LC 5 has implemented MST (Multi-systemic Therapy) and school based BH services (Matrix Model IOP). Five clinicians were trained in MST, 5 provide direct services (2—Hobbs, Guidance Ctr of Lea Co, 1—Roswell, Counseling Assoc., 1—Carlsbad, Carlsbad Mental Health Assoc). TCA paid for the training of all the clinicians, however, only the 3 clinicians at the Guidance Center are paid for with TCA dollars. School based treatment services (assessment and IOP) are provided at Hobbs High School.
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**Prevention Component:** Prevention services (Project Success targeting youth 14-18) are provided at Hobbs High School. Project Success is an indicated prevention strategy.

**Law Enforcement Component:** CIT is scheduled to be provided in the month of June. The trainer’s schedule has been a barrier to scheduling this training sooner.

**Partnerships:** LC 5 is working with CYFD, Teen Court of Lea Co., Lea County Sheriff’s Dept., Palmer Drug Abuse Prevention Program, Zia Counseling, and local DWI.

- LC 6—Grant, Luna, and Hidalgo Counties. LC 6 is targeting adults with substance use issues and their families in Hidalgo Co.

**Treatment Component:** LC 6 has implemented an Adult Drug Court. Border Area Mental Health Services and Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) are providing the assessment and treatment services to the drug court referrals. El Refugio domestic violence program offers domestic violence advocacy services, education and prevention services, and will be implementing an offender program. The LC 6 TCA plan includes funding to develop a business plan for a JD6 Regional Detox program.

**Prevention Component:** HMS Youth Power Program, Hidalgo DWI, Lordsburg Municipal Schools, Hidalgo Co. Bootheel Youth Assoc., and the Wellness Coalition all provide prevention services to youth (13-18) and their families.

**Law Enforcement Component:** The Sheriff’s Dept received funds for equipment to assist in their DWI check points. The Lordsburg Police Department provides support to the drug court program with a drug court and surveillance officer. The Hidalgo Co. Sheriff’s Dept. takes an active role in enforcement and referral for drug and alcohol cases.

**Partnerships:** LC 6 is working with all the agencies listed above and with CYFD and Probation and Parole.

- LC15—Navajo Reservation. LC 15 will be targeting youth aged 13-24 and their families served in the Eastern Navajo Agency.

**Treatment Component:** LC 15 has implemented a case management model based on the Navajo Regional Behavioral Health Authority (REBHA) under the State of Arizona’s Department of Health. The hiring of clinicians has been difficult due to the remoteness of Crownpoint and the lack of housing available to anyone wishing to relocate to that community. Despite this barrier, 3 out of 6 clinicians have been hired.

**Prevention Component:** LC 15 has implemented Project Northland, a school based alcohol prevention program. A youth leadership training program utilizing community Town Hall meetings has been implemented. An Underage Drinking Council has been formed to develop a community based strategic plan using the SAMSHA strategic prevention framework process.

**Law Enforcement Component:** Law enforcement training is scheduled for June 3-5. The training curriculum includes: cross-commissioning (State-Federal, DWI forensic investigation, evidence collection, intoxilyzer training specific to the use and maintenance of the equipment. It is through Teen Court that the strongest relationship with law enforcement agencies exists. The Teen Court is an alternative pre-trial diversion and sentencing program designed to prevent at-risk youth from becoming adult offenders.
Partnerships: LC 15 is working with Navajo Nation Dept. of BH Services, IHS, NN Dept. of Social Services, Family Harmony Project, Sunrise Youth Home, Office of Dine Youth, Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Families, and Navajo Nation Police Dept.

Development Sites

LC 1, specifically targeting Rio Arriba County, and LC 8 were selected to receive $100,000 each. They were required to submit a plan for utilizing these dollars. Both of these communities have ongoing need but face challenges that should be addressed to help them become TCA ready.

• LC 1—Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Rio Arriba Counties. LC 1 has undertaken an analysis of dollars expended, services purchased, and outcomes. Based on this analysis and recommendations, LC 1 will be implementing an assessment and referral pilot project targeted to consumers in Espanola, Tierra Amarilla, Chama, Chimayo, and other communities in Rio Arriba Co.

Treatment Component: Rio Arriba Health and Human Services will be providing the assessment and referral services. A social marketing strategy will be used for outreach and education.

Prevention Component: LC 1 will be implementing a Minors in Possession and Social Host Liability project.

Law Enforcement Component: A CIT for law enforcement is planned for late summer.

Partnerships: LC 1 is working with La Clinica del Pueblo de Rio Arriba, Hands Across Cultures, Rio Arriba DWI Council, and El Centro.

• LC 8—Taos, Colfax, and Union Counties. LC 8 is targeting adolescents (grades 9-12) and their families in Colfax Co.

Treatment Component: LC 8 has implemented mobile individual/family/group treatment throughout Colfax Co. in home and community settings.

Prevention Component: LC 8 has implemented the Dare to be You curriculum for parents and youth.

Law Enforcement Component: LC 8 provided CIT in Raton. Police officers, firefighters, and EMTs attended.

Partnerships: LC 8 is working with Raton Public Schools, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Tri-County Community Services, Probation and Parole, Raton Sheriff and City Police.