# Interagency Coordinating Council on State Prevention Programs 20 Year Chronology and Major Prevention Events

#### 1993

- ICC created during special legislative session.
- To contribute to the solution of poverty and poverty-related problems, VISTA joined AmeriCorps under the Federal Corporation for National Service (CNS).

#### 1995

- ICC charged with creating a Unified Budget for state prevention programs.
- Legislature added Department of Labor to the Council.

#### 1996

- Prevention Resource Center (PRC) created in DPHHS to staff ICC Council.
- PRC awarded three-year VISTA project by the CNS to assist ICC to link communities with a statewide prevention system, creating a unique federal, state and local partnership.

#### 1997

- Unified Budget presented to Legislature listing prevention programs associated with 23 benchmarks.
- Legislative Session added Department of Corrections and Office of Indian Affairs.
- ICC established five (5) goals related to prevention of: child abuse, substance abuse, violence and crime, school drop-out and teen pregnancy.
- Began publication of the Prevention Connection.

#### 1998

- Awarded three-year Community Incentive Grant (CIP) for prevention by the Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP); funding based in part on ICC leadership.
- ICC members jointly funded Flagship project in Missoula shows success.

#### 1999

- Presented to the Legislature a Unified Budget for 5 goals and 11 benchmarks.
- Legislature added language to HB2 for the ICC to review and comment on state and federal prevention funds contained in the Unified Budget before being expended.
- Awarded another three-year VISTA Project, expanding to 13 VISTAs in 9 towns.

#### 2000

- Held retreat and instituted annual strategic planning process.
- Received VISTA grant; expanded program to 24 VISTAs with 13 sites, including two reservations.
- Established <u>Guiding Principles for Effective Prevention.</u>
- Revised benchmarks for enhanced progress monitoring and national comparison.

#### 2001

- Legislative Session added Military Affairs, Higher Education and Department of Transportation as council members as well as the provision to add any other state agency desiring to participate, to do so.
- Legislature transferred Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program to the ICC.

#### 2002

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Task Force, separate from ICC, was convened by Governor Martz. A
  comprehensive blueprint of policy and strategy changes to reduce the social and financial impacts of
  substance abuse in Montana, and a new Prevention Board is recommended with legislation.
- Tobacco Initiative passed.
- DPHHS assumes financial responsibility for PRC staff and VISTA grant. ICC Work Group becomes advisory board for VISTA grant.

#### 2003

• Montana awarded another grant to support to expand work of the Community Incentive Program (CIP), State Incentive grant to include the zero to 6 year old population; funding based on ICC leadership.

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- Revised penalties to Minor in Possession Laws (SB362) passed with increased fines, community service hours, confiscation of driver's license, participation in substance abuse education course with parents, chemical dependency evaluations, etc.
- SJR 11, A Study of the Problems of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and prevention, early intervention and treatment was passed and implemented.
- HJR 8, Addressing School Drop Out Rate among American Indian population was passed an implemented.
- Other Legislation worked on: reduction of blood alcohol to 0.08 for DUIs, increasing DUI penalties, and licensure reinstatement fees were doubled and increased dollars went to DUI Task Forces.
- Allocation of \$3.2 million in General Fund to Montana Tobacco Use Program for 2004-2005 biennium to fund the CDC plan.
- Methamphetamines and destructive effects, along with meth labs and ingredients for making meth moved onto the public radar.
- ICC shifted focus to Goal 2, reducing youth use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.
- PRC develops data links, state resource directory, and grant resources.
- VISTA grant continued for another three years.

#### 2004

- PRC outreach efforts reach resource capacity with the quarterly newsjournal, Prevention Connection, and weekly listserve, Hot News.
- PRC moves out of the DPHHS Director's Office suites and is collocated with AMDD on Fuller.
- Suicide Prevention was allocated \$50,000 for one year to provide resources to three communities and host a statewide Youth Suicide Prevention Conference.
- Montana awarded the CSAP Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant; funding based on ICC leadership.
- Continued work of SJR 11 and HJR 8.
- Much discussion was held about repealing ICC and replacing with a Commission on Drug Control Policy.
- Future of Prevention Conference held May 7-8<sup>th</sup>.
- Meth Summit held June 2004,ICC Members and work group members attend and facilitate small groups.
- Meth Tools for Schools Curriculum created; OPI led with several ICC Work Group Members contributing and participating in the writing.
- Meth Watch Implemented out of the Governor's Office; local prevention specialists' local points of contact established.
- Montana's original medical marijuana law was enacted by voters.

#### 2005

- Unified Budget requirement removed from ICC statute (no state general fund money provided to 5 goals to report).
- HB 73 passes the Legislature. Provides enabling legislation for counties to impose a voted levy for programs that prevent substance abuse.
- Tougher DUI penalties enacted (HB 97, HB 99, HB 374)
- Keg registration required (HB 348)
- Open container prohibited in vehicles (SB 80)
- Minor in Possession law revisions (SB 407)
- Ignition interlock law revised (SB 423)

#### 2006

- Full ICC reconvenes under Governor Schweitzer; focus is on addressing underage drinking, binge
  drinking and drinking and driving to get results rather than focus on broader issues.
- ICC Strategic planning and implementation work begins in the Fall 2006.
- Montana Implements the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF SIG grant) initial steps.
- Tobacco Prevention moves to Public Health and Safety Division within DPHHS.
- VISTA grant continues and expands resources.

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#### 2007

- Under the SPF SIG, the Montana State Epidemiological Work Group meets to use a comprehensive data driven process to determine priorities outlining the nature, magnitude and distribution of consumption and consequences of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD).
- August 2007 PRC moved from Fuller Building to Park Ave Building.
- Montana Department of Revenue requests participation in ICC and ICC Work Group.
- ICC Strategic Plan implementation continues.
- SJ 2, Study of DUI Laws was passed.

#### 2008

- Acting Surgeon General Steven Galson visits Montana and meets with the ICC to promote the Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking; media events and PSAs developed and distributed.
- Town Hall meetings were held across the state to address underage drinking prevention.
- Under the SPF SIG grant contracts were awarded to high need communities.
- ICC Strategic Goal is established: Influence decision making and reduce the harm associated with binge
  drinking with an emphasis on underage binge drinking and driving with an emphasis on teenage and
  young adult drinking and driving.
- Goals in ICC Plan addressed establishing a media campaign, developing and expanding curriculums for responsible alcohol sales and server training, aid in addressing issues on increasing alcoholic beverage code violations and reclassification of flavored malt beverages to "distilled spirits" including alcohol energy drinks, worked on increased penalties for creating and using false identification and social host enabling legislation.
- Provided information and resources to SJ 2 DUI Study of the Law and Justice Interim.
- Worked toward institutionalizing the ICC so in future years it would not rise or fall based on the preference of a particular administration.
- Elements of Effective Prevention were established and recommended to all ICC participating agencies. The shift to environmental prevention efforts was underway, recognizing harm can be reduced and prevented at the population level. Best practices, promising approaches and evidence-based prevention programs became a focus in terms of addressing risk and protective factors across disciplines.
- ICC recommends drafting a radio PSA targeting youth during the holidays to curb underage drinking. MDT and DPHHS funded this initial PSA, and became the starting point for ICC branding and media campaign.

#### 2009

- Montana sends a team to Methamphetamine: The National Summit to Promote Public Health,
  Partnerships and Safety for Critically Affected Populations, and stakeholder work group is formed with an
  informal relationship to ICC work group.
- Montana National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program becomes full staff, and staff are assigned to ICC to aid with carrying out the mission of connecting state resources to local prevention coalitions.
- HB 400 (revises alcohol content of beer), HB 536 (ignition interlock revisions), SB 438 (regulate sale of alcohol energy drinks) passed and strengthened efforts to curb underage drinking. Protocol is established for providing formal ICC input on Administrative Rules.
- June 2009 the PRC moves from Park Ave back to DPHHS Director's Office in Sanders.
- Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Council convened and strategic plan established.
- Updated Epidemiology reports that binge drinking for all age groups remains as the number one drug abuse problem in Montana, and that the top two environmental factors contributing to high binge drinking rates for Montana students are 1) being around drunk adults, and 2) having easy access to alcohol either at home or from retail outlets.
- ICC directs the work group to craft a media campaign and effort aimed at parents; Parentpower.mt.gov is created and housed on MDT webserver; Prevention Connection issue on Underage Drinking is produced in various formats with funding from MDT and DPHHS; and MBCC through Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws grant funds the production of the Parentpower TV and radio spots through UofM Broadcast Center. Ads are run in the spring (prom to graduation), and then again at the winter holidays.
- VISTA grant continues.

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#### 2010

- www.parentpower.mt.gov is launched.
- 8,000 + hardcopies of the Underage Drinking issue of the Prevention Connection are distributed.
- Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service training draft bill is developed.
- Montana selected to develop and produce a professional, state specific video to address and curb underage drinking.
- PRC awarded a Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Fellow.
- Town Hall meetings were held across the state in 29 communities to address underage drinking prevention.
- Montana OPI is awarded a federal Department of Education grant to form a Montana Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force to enhance support of efforts by local education agencies to prevent substance abuse and violence in Montana's schools.

#### 2011

- Parentpower PSA is nominated for an Emmy award (although not selected).
- Montana's state specific video is scripted, produced, and distributed with 500+ disc copies and posted online at www.parentpowermt.gov and You Tube.
- The federally funded *Prevention Connection* is defunded by the Montana Legislature.
- HB 106 (24/7 sobriety project) and several DUI laws were passed, HB 83 (Prescription Drug Registry), HB 185 (ban on synthetic marijuana), SB 29 (mandatory alcohol server and sales training), SB 423 (revision to laws relating to use of marijuana) were also passed.
- ICC Work Group becomes the lead in reporting on the STOP Act (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking).
- ICC Work Plan continues to focus on underage drinking through 2013 with an added emphasis on developing a strategy to include youth at the table as well as the need to be more attentive to developing resources and strategies to work with Montana's Indian communities.
- A sub work group forms to assess the gaps and challenges with Minor In Possession laws.
- Ongoing work with the OPI supported Montana Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force.
- Montana SPF SIG sunsets.

#### 2012

- Montana is awarded the Strategic Prevention Enhancement (SPE) Grant to develop a plan to mobilize state and tribal entities to better plan for coordinated prevention activities to address specific health areas: to build emotional health, prevent and reduce the consequences of underage drinking and adult problem drinking, reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse, and prevention suicide and attempted suicide.
- SPE Final Document and the Interviews on Reservations is finalized and distributed.
- ICC Work Group receives Governor's Award of Excellence.
- Town Hall meetings were held across the state to address underage drinking prevention in 25 communities.
- Minor in possession laws review continues.
- Emerging prevention issues and substances such as illicit drug use/misuse, bath salts, prescription drugs and alcohol packaging are examined and recommendations made.
- Cross agency strategic plans align (Comprehensive Highway Traffic Safety, Juvenile Justice, OPI, etc.).
- VISTA grant continued.

#### 2013

- Talk, They Hear You and Above The Influence media campaigns are initiated.
- Town Hall meetings were held across the state in 24 communities to address underage drinking prevention and to launch the youth driven, Above The Influence Campaign.
- Key state legislation passed: HB 140 (revision of controlled substance laws to ban bath salts type products and synthetic cannabinoids), and, HB 168 (THC limits for DUI).
- Explored revisions to the MIP laws with stakeholders.
- ICC Work Group, preventionists, and partners trained on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences).