
Substance Abuse Education

Substance abuse education is a short term service intended to educate youth about the risk factors of substance abuse and to divert them from experimenting or increasing their substance use. Program components include:

- Identifying Risk and Protective factors
- Identifying and utilizing resources in community
- Education concerning how substances affect life choices, lifestyle, goal setting, health and development
- Motivating Factors
- Using Decisional Balance and how this affects achieving ones goals

Transportation is provided to all groups and program activities and individual/family sessions are conducted in the home and community.

Who can refer and funding:

- Referrals can be made by the juvenile court (pre- or post-commitment status) utilizing Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act funds (VJCCCA), AMI funds or IV E funding.
- The program also accepts referrals for youth identified through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) throughout Hampton Roads, from the Department of Social Services or other community mental health agencies using CSA funding

Substance Abuse Education services will be provided by a counselor receiving CSAC supervision, a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), personnel with substance abuse experience, or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.