

ADAMS COUNTY

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Community Mobilization Contact

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Overview

Our mission is to collaborate with others within our county to contribute to the reduction of substance use and abuse and violence in Adams County. The Collaborative Needs Assessment that we conducted prioritized “early initiation of substance abuse.” Community Mobilization funding supported a portion of the Prevention Specialist’s position, as well as provided the Enhanced DARE Program in three communities in our rural county.

Community Partners/Service Providers

- Law Enforcement (Othello and Ritzville Police Departments)
- Adams County School Districts (Othello, Ritzville, Lind)
- Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Services – Community Counseling Services of Adams County
- Othello Housing Authority
- Adams County Health Department
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- Adams County Community Network (ACCN)
- Educational Service Districts (101 and 123)
- Lions Club
- New Hope (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault agency)
- The faith community

Program Outcomes

- ♦ The Community Mobilization Scorecard, used to evaluate the **Community Mobilization Policy Board**, showed positive capacity building.
- ♦ Participants in the **Enhanced Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program** who participated in the Focus Group were very positive and made many comments supporting the value of their experience in this program.



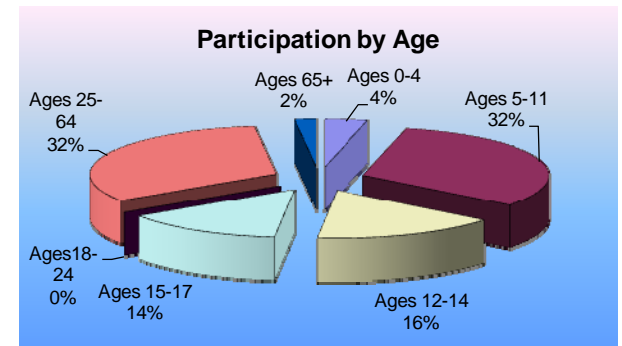
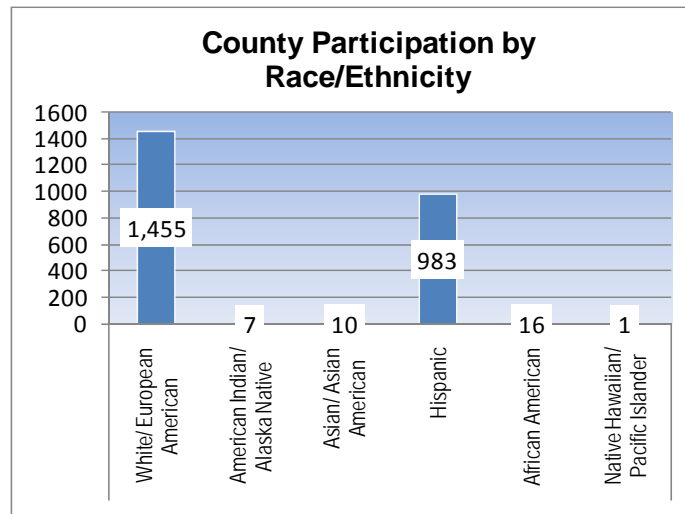
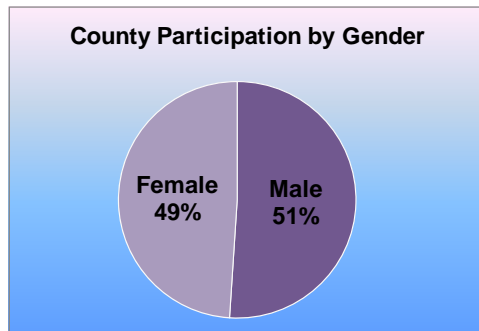
Program Highlights

- ♦ The **Community Mobilization Coordinator** is a valued part of the prevention field in Adams County.
- ♦ Of the 287 participants in the **Enhanced Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program**, 276 completed the requirements for graduation from the program, including presenting their DARE essays to their classmates, which included what they had learned during the program.

Number of People Served

• Prevention Programs	1,489
• Large Community Events	330
Prevention Program Sessions	149
Direct Service Hours	211
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$7,715

Participant Demographics



Program Information

Program Name

- Communities That Care
- Meth Action Team
- Enhanced DARE

Risk/Protective Factors

- Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior
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Meth Action Team

The Meth Action Team in Adams County had a broad representation including prevention, treatment, law enforcement, schools, emergency response personnel, fire fighters, judicial/prosecuting attorney, agricultural personnel, and other community members. The two greatest concerns around this substance were theft of precursor chemicals and dumping of waste in our rural isolated areas.