

# BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

2005 – 2006

## Community Mobilization Contact

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## Overview

BFSAC BRIDGES COMMUNITIES THROUGH PREVENTION: by partnering, awareness, and education, 312 community members were mobilized to create and sustain healthy, safe communities by reducing substance abuse and related problems through collaboration, communication, cooperation, commitment, and cultural sensitivity. The focus is to reduce the Risk Factors of: 1) Community laws and norms favorable toward drug use, and 2) Early initiation of problem behaviors. BFSAC's many activities and programs enhance the Protective Factors of: 1) Healthy beliefs and clear standards; 2) Bonding; and 3) Skills, opportunities and recognition.

## Community Partners/Service Providers

- DUI/Traffic Safety Task Force
- Benton-Franklin County Juvenile Justice Center
- Benton-Franklin Department of Human Services
- Educational Service District 123
- Kennewick Parks and Recreation
- Benton-Franklin Health Department
- Benton and Franklin Family Drug Courts and Child Protective Services
- Benton and Franklin Adult Drug Courts
- Benton and Franklin Juvenile Drug Courts
- Benton and Franklin School Districts (multiple)
- All Law Enforcement Agencies

## Program Outcomes

- ◆ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Friendship Challenge:** 76 percent of participating students felt "more connected to their school," and showed an increase in Protective Factors and life skill-building.
- ◆ **Meth Action Team and 2006 Meth Summit:** 287 community members attended the June 2006 Meth Summit, with all-volunteer local and statewide speakers providing eight hours of expert knowledge; and 97 percent of the attendees indicating increased knowledge. Community plans to continue to address meth related issues were developed.



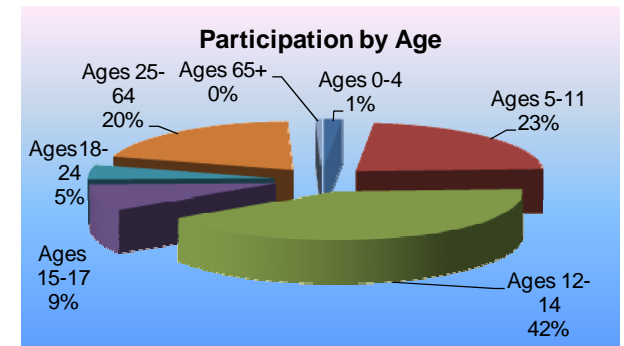
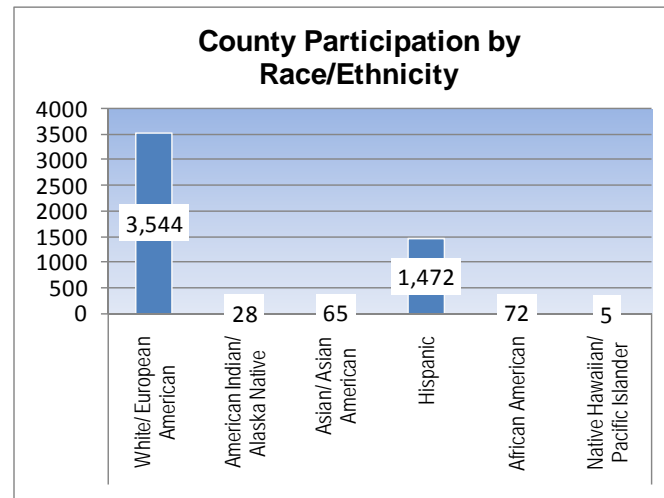
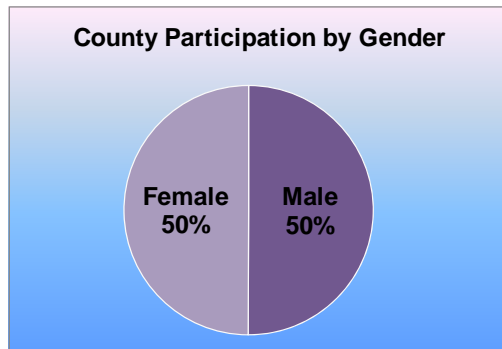
## Program Highlights

- ◆ **Community Mobilizing** efforts produced a new, energized Benton City Coalition; and raised \$18,000 to begin a Benton City Branch of Boys and Girls Club, addressing identified community needs: healthy beliefs and clear standards, and early initiation of problem behaviors for 59 local youth.
- ◆ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Friendship Challenge Program:** 193 participants learned about teamwork, life skills, communication, problem solving, trust, and the consequences of their decisions.
- ◆ **Columbia Challenge Ropes Course:** 1,480 participants (80 percent were youth) experienced life skill-building, trust, and communication.
- ◆ **PLADD (People Learning About Destructive Decisions) Coalition:** Produced "Drop Dead Gorgeous," an interactive CD ROM (What's a Life Worth?) for girls, 14 – 18 years of age.

### Number of People Served

• Prevention Programs	3,714
Prevention Program Sessions	275
Hours Spent in Community Organizing	4,309
Direct Service Hours	84
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$122,575
• Volunteer Hours	2,061

## Participant Demographics



## Program Information

### Program Name

- 🏆 Communities That Care
- 🏛️ Drug Courts (Juvenile, Adult, and Family)
- 🏠 Friendship Challenge Program
- ★ Columbia Challenge Ropes Course

### Risk/Protective Factors

- Community Laws and Norms Favorable Towards Drug Use
- Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards, Skills, Opportunity, Rewards, and Recognition
- Early Initiation of Problem Behaviors, Skills, Opportunity, Rewards and Recognition
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## Meth Action Team

The collaborative efforts of the Meth Action Team membership brought together 287 community members and state experts in a Meth Summit to develop ongoing plans to continue meth prevention, treatment, aftercare and interdiction in Benton and Franklin Counties. Plans include the three comprehensive Drug Court Programs—for Juveniles, Adults, and Families; media focus; continuing public education; and collaborative efforts to improve community “connectiveness” among all community partners.