



**CHAUTAUQUA ALCOHOLISM
&
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL**

Annual Report 2003

Reflections

Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) is a not-for-profit, United Way Agency, whose mission is to prevent the on set of drug and alcohol use in Chautauqua County, NY through advocacy, hope and awareness. We have been serving the Chautauqua County area for over 30 years.

CASAC is an educational prevention agency. As defined by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), "prevention" is a proactive, research based process that focuses on increasing protective factors and decreasing risk factors that are associated with alcohol and drug abuse in individuals, families and communities.

To this end, CASAC delivers a variety of prevention services and programs tailored to address specific

populations and problems. Programs are designed to provide education on alcohol and other drugs, awareness of the affects on individuals, families, schools and the community, ways to avoid use of these substances and how to deal with the effects within our community.

In 2003, CASAC's funding from Chautauqua County was completely cut. We lost a portion of our New York State funding as a result of the County cuts. Two full-time positions were lost. Additionally, we had to decrease the number of programs that we were able to offer in 2003 and restrict the number of school districts that we serviced. In 2004, due to state funding cuts, we lost a community outreach position.

We are faced with the possibility of more cut-backs from New York State

as well as a very real reduction in United Way support due to their campaign goal not being met.

Even though we have had drastic reductions in our budget and personnel, our staff continue to give more than 100% as noted in our program statistics on page 2. Our dedicated and professional staff works hard to provide quality education and awareness programs.

We appreciate the support we have received from Chautauqua County residents and look forward to continuing our service in the community.

2003 CASAC Highlights

In January staff participated in their annual planning meetings to gear-up for the year.

During March and April, CASAC sponsored their Anti-drug poster contest.

"April is Alcohol Awareness Month" was observed and alcohol screening tests were conducted.

In May, Stacia Murphy, President of NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence) was CASAC's honored guest speaker for their Annual Dinner and JCC's President's Round table. Two staff members were awarded scholarships to attend a Media Literacy Institute sponsored by New York State Office of

Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) in Albany, also, during the month of May.

June saw CASAC sponsor their Annual Combating Underage Drinking Media Campaign and staff testified at State Senate hearings regarding DWI laws.

August brought CASAC to its first Auction as our major fund raiser for the year.

For the first time, CASAC sponsored a Poster Theme Contest in preparation for our annual Poster Contest in the Spring.

CASAC introduced a new youth program—Reconnecting Youth for students at risk in local high schools in November.



Patricia Z. Munson and Stacia Murphy at CASAC's 2003 Annual Dinner

Program Descriptions

Programs and Services

CASAC provides curriculum-based programs which are available for kindergarten through high school age youth. Science-based model prevention programs are the primary programs CASAC uses. These programs provide proven results in increasing protective factors and decreasing risk factors which leads to long term reductions in alcohol and other drug use and abuse. All curriculum-based programs are age appropriate, culturally sensitive and provide knowledge and skill for a healthy and safe life.

Training Programs

Since 2001, CASAC has offered professional training in the areas of alcohol and chemical dependency, family systems and skills building dealing with alcohol and other drug dependencies. These are designed and presented to professionals, employers, interested individuals and community groups. CASAC offers Credentialed Alcoholism and

Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), Credentialed Prevention Professional (CPP) and Credentialed Prevention Specialist (CPS) trainings approved by New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

Parent Programs

CASAC offers programs for parents and caregivers to discover effective techniques which can be used for raising children and having a positive influence on their lives. Lessons provide knowledge and skills to practice and implement at home.

Drinking Driver Program

For persons convicted of DWI/DWAI, this is primarily an educational and rehabilitation program covering many aspects of drinking and driving and is required in order to obtain a New York State conditional license.

Prevention Resources

A wide variety of pamphlets, posters and videos on alcohol and substance abuse are available to the general public and professionals at the CASAC Jamestown and Dunkirk offices. Internet access to our website -- www.CASACweb.org and related websites are also available.

Healthy Community

Educational programs concerning alcohol and other drug abuse for coaches, athletes, care-givers, older adults, and the general public are also available through CASAC. They vary from classroom presentations to public community presentations as well as educational group facilitations. Each can be used on its own or to supplement a comprehensive approach.

Community Coalition

CASAC facilitates various community coalitions which provides support to local groups concerned about combating alcohol and other drug use.

*“Services gladly rendered,
obligations squarely met,
troubles well accepted or
solved with God’s help, the
knowledge that at home or
in the world outside we are
partners in a common
effort...”
As Bill Sees It—
The AA Way of Life*

Program Statistics

Program	Number of Contacts in Year 2002	Number of Contacts in Year 2003
Drinking Driver Program	276	282
Alcohol & Substance Abuse Youth Programs	16,849	12,155
Stop DWI Programs	8,008	29,878
In-service/Public Awareness Programs	3,249	7,265
Training/Staff Development	151	475
Community Linkages/Networking	1,209	763
Support Education Groups	769	542
Community Prevention Coalition	571	1,288
Total number of overall contacts	31,082	52,648

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"We now know enough (about alcoholism and substance abuse) to save millions of lives over the next several years...whether we do so or not depends upon our willingness to act."

Joseph Califano
 former Director of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2003 Financial Statement

Support and revenue

Federal	\$338,612
New York State	146,105
Chautauqua County	--
United Ways	38,953
Program fees*	86,232
Grants, fund raising and contributions	47,066
Miscellaneous	961

Total support and revenue \$657,929

Expenses

Community and School Services	\$614,206
Drinking Driver Program*	45,491
Fund raising	6,458

Total expenses \$666,155

Change in net assets (\$8,226)

* includes Drinking Driver Program client fees

A complete Audited Financial Statement is available upon request.

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