

East Greenwich Drug Program

2017–2018 Mid-Year Report

The East Greenwich Drug Program is at the mid-point of its 34th year of operations. This report will provide detail pertaining to activities/services offered from July 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017. Significant emphasis will be placed on client statistics, as well as, a compilation of prevention/education initiatives.

CLIENT STATISTICS

Client Contacts

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| Total Clients Seen | 106 |
| Clients Under Age 18 | 51 |
| Clients 18-21 | 14 |
| Clients Over Age 21 | 41 |

Client Concerns Below 18

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| Alcohol (Primary) | 7 |
| Drugs (Primary non-Prescription) | 10 |
| Prescription Medications | 2 |
| Vaping | 8 |
| Mental Health | 24 |

Client Concerns 18-21

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| Alcohol (Primary) | 2 |
| Drugs (Primary) | 3 |
| Prescription Medications | 2 |
| Mental Health | 5 |
| Community Service | 2 |

Client Concerns Age 21 & Over

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| Parent Support | 30 |
| Alcohol | 1 |
| Prescription Medications | 3 |
| Drugs (Non-Prescription) | 2 |
| Mental Health | 5 |

Major Concerns

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| Alcohol | 10 |
| Drugs (Total) | 22 |
| Mental Health | 34 |
| Parent Support | 30 |
| Community Service | 2 |
| Vaping | 8 |

Referral Sources

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| Police/Hearing Board | 5 |
| Schools | 21 |
| Court | 4 |
| Parents | 53 |
| Self | 16 |
| Town Officials | 2 |
| Other Therapist | 5 |

REFERRAL FOR SERVICES

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| In-Patient (All Adults) | 5 |
| Out-Patient (9 Youth)..... | 18 |
| Hospital (All Adults)..... | 3 |
| DCYF | 1 |

PREVENTION INITIATIVES

- Youth to Youth Summer Conference– 45 Attended
- Present at Safety Town
- Write 6 Pendulum articles
- Write articles for the East Greenwich News and the East Greenwich Insider
- Two forums regarding Opioids
- Present to Town Council
- Present to School Committee
- Advise Philosophy Club
- Advise Dead Poets Club
- Advise Student Agenda Club
- Advise Sports Club
- Advise Civic Action Club
- Assist High School Chorus
- Character Education- Hanaford
- Character Education- Eldredge
- Member High School Discipline Committee
- 8 classroom presentations- Cole
- 2 classroom presentations- High School
- Wall of Honor Chair
- Teen Center Coordinate
- Liaison to CWC
- High School Forum- Indigenous Peoples
- High School Forum-Veteran's Day
- Liaison to Juvenile Hearing Board
- Support High School Mindfulness Program
- Present John Tassoni Show
- Attend Statewide Opioid Forum-Crowne Plaza
- Write informational articles for school List Serve
- Milk and Cookies Program
- CWC/ Parent Forum
- Assist Pharm presentation
- Four Legs to Stand On (play)

- Present to Rotary Club
- Fezziwig fundraiser- Youth to Youth
- Skill Building Group- Assist Shoreside
- A Noteworthy Evening

TEEN CENTER

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| Total (Friday Evenings) | 22 |
| Mixed Magic Theater | 1 |
| Community Cleanup..... | 1 |
| Holiday Party..... | 2 |
| Total Teen Center Events | 26 |

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Forum-Assist/Present Poetry Slam 1/18/2018

Mental Health-Suicide Forum TBA

Vaping Forum co-host with Police TBA

It should be noted that the Drug Program Networks closely with the local police, schools, fire department and municipal government. In addition, parent groups, local businesses, service providers and youth are extremely supportive of many of the services listed.

SUMMARY

In recent years a number of new trends have become evident. The most salient being; mental health concerns, opioid misuse and vaping. In addition, substances like Lean (cough syrup mixed with candy and soft drinks) have entered the scene. These new challenges have been addressed in classroom presentations and will continue to be explored.

Finally, cultural norms and attitudes towards drug use continue to receive attention. Substance abuse does not evolve from a vacuum. The program's end of year report will offer statistics pertaining to these trends and dynamics.