

WV Collegiate Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success

The WV Collegiate Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (C-SPF PFS) initiative's overall goal is to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse and its related problems among higher education students (ages 18 and older) in a 21-county area covering southern West Virginia. The federal grant was awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to Marshall University's Center of Excellence for Recovery. The five-year initiative will begin August 31, 2020.

- Additional goals include: 1) Develop connections between higher education institutions and their local prevention community coalitions to ensure; 2) Increased prevention infrastructure and capacity for culturally sensitive, data-driven, evidence-based practice among higher education institutions in Southern West Virginia; 3) Conduct needs assessment to inform the development of a strategic plan and evidenced-based interventions; 4) Increase evidenced-based trainings and substance misuse prevention activities on campuses through SPF planning and implementation to ensure it is accessible by all students, faculty, and staff; and 5) Conduct outcome evaluation and dissemination of findings for the C-SPF PFS Initiative.
- The populations that will benefit from this initiative are the faculty, staff and students at Bluefield State College, BridgeValley Community and Technical College, Concord University, Marshall University, Mountwest Community & Technical College, New River Community and Technical College, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia State University, and West Virginia University Institute of Technology. Student leaders will be selected and cultivated at each higher education institute to build prevention capacity.
- The project has the potential to reach a total of 30,000 individuals, over the course of the grant, with environmental strategies and prevention messaging, and plans to serve approximately 6,000 individuals per year with prevention interventions.

