

## **STATEWIDE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND WORKGROUPS PROMOTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION:**

- *Substance Abuse Services Commission (SASC)*. The commission meets monthly and acts as a bridge between the Office of Substance Abuse, the public and elected officials, regarding the issues of substance abuse prevention, research, identification, and treatment. It was established in 1993 via legislation and consists of 21 members who have education, training, experience, knowledge, expertise, and interest in drug abuse prevention and training.
- *OSA Prevention Advisory Board*. This board serves in an advisory capacity to OSA for prevention-related initiatives. This includes building consensus across multiple perspectives to help shape the direction and activities of the prevention team, as well as reviewing products developed by the subcommittee, as appropriate.
- *Underage Drinking Enforcement Task Force (UDEF)*. The purpose of the Underage Drinking Enforcement Task Force is to ensure that Maine's underage drinking enforcement efforts are coordinated amongst invested stakeholders. The Task Force is made up of a variety of stakeholders and includes representatives from state agencies, statewide and local law enforcement, the business community and community organizations.
- *Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)*. The Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group oversees the state's participation in the federal juvenile justice initiative and was established in response to the federal Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The purpose of the initiative is to help states craft effective responses to the problems of juvenile crime and violence. As part of this initiative, Maine receives funds to improve its juvenile justice system which are overseen and disbursed by the JJAG.
- *HMP District Coordinating Councils (DCC)*.
- *HMP State Coordinating Council*.
- *Maine Justice Assistance Council*. The Maine Justice Assistance Council is the multi-disciplinary policy board that serves as a forum for communication and a structure to coordinate administration criminal justice grants that address public safety. This officially constituted advisory board was established by Executive Order to provide comprehensive strategic planning and policy direction and to obtain regular guidance and advice from knowledgeable criminal justice practitioners, victim service providers and other stakeholder groups.
- *Maine Network for Healthy Communities*. MNHC is a statewide network of community coalitions working to enhance physical, social, emotional, environmental and economic health in Maine. "The Network" works at both the local and statewide levels to improve Maine's health and quality of life through promoting public policy changes, ensuring that needed data on community health is collected, developing training and capacity building opportunities for healthy community coalitions, and communicating the importance of working collaboratively toward a better public health system.

- *State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)*. Organized by the Office of Substance Abuse, the SEOW is a multi-agency work group that studies the spread, growth and development of substance use in Maine and its communities. The SEOW members contribute information they routinely collect and qualitative data is collected from a variety of key informants to identify emerging trends. The SEOW meets periodically to assess information from multiple sources and to draw conclusions about drug abuse; the group provides updated trend reports at least annually at both the state and public health district levels.
- Children's Cabinet's *Shared Youth Vision Council: District Councils (SYVC)*.