

Maine Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Program

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I. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose for Title IV, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), also known by its short title as the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act is “to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools; that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; that involve parents and communities; and that are coordinated with related Federal, State, school, and community efforts, and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement through the provision of Federal assistance . . .”

NOTE: Fiscal year 2010 was the last year Congress authorized money for this formula grant program, therefore no money will be received for FY 2011 to continue this program.

II. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

In state fiscal year (SFY) 2010, Maine received an award of \$1,423,348 under this Act. Up to 20% of the funds available to a state under Part A may be reserved for use by the Chief Executive and Maine set aside \$284,670 for use under the Governor’s Program. Accordingly, consistent with NCLB law, 93% (\$1,058,971) of the State Education Agency /Local Education Agency (SEA/LEA) portion was distributed to LEAs as formula grants; 3% (\$34,160) was expended on program administration; and 4% (\$45,547) for state level activities. The Governor’s Portion (20% of the state’s allotment) was expended on program administration - 3% (\$8,540); and discretionary programs - 97% (\$276,130).

III. PERSONNEL

Maine Office of Substance Abuse: Linda Phillips, Coordinator (100%); Peter Brough, LEA Program Specialist (100%); Carla McPherson resigned as Secretary during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Linda Phillips will retire as State Coordinator at the end of June, 2010. Peter Brough will stay as staff for FY 2011 to process performance reports, carry-over reports and close out the program.

IV. FEDERAL REPORTS

Annual U.S. Department of Education Consolidated Report:

The Consolidated State Performance Report for State Formula Grant Programs under ESEA / NCLB covering school year 2008-09 was submitted to the United States Education Department (USED) in two parts this year – Part I due in December, 2009 and Part II due in February 2010. This report included information on the Unsafe School Choice Option for Maine; and the Title IV-A, Safe and Drug Schools and Communities Program. The full report was submitted electronically through the EDEN System to the USED by the Maine Department of Education by the deadlines. *(Copies of the reports are available upon request).*

Governor’s Program Report:

The USED did not request any information on the Governor’s Program in the Consolidated Performance Report for 2008-09.

Gun Free Schools Report:

During 2008-09, Local Educational Agencies in Maine reported that three (3) guns were brought into K-12 public schools or onto school grounds. This figure represents a decrease from the six (6) that were reported for 2007-08. The table below presents the number of reported violations of the GFS Act since 1995-96. (*Copies of the reports are available upon request*).

School Year	Guns Reported
1995-1996	23
1996-1997	13
1997-1998	5
1998-1999	6
1999-2000	3
2000-2001	1
2001-2002	2
2002-2003	2
2003-2004	1
2004-2005	3
2005-2006	4
2006-2007	5
2007-2008	6
2008-2009	3

Gun free data for the 2009-10 academic year will be collected this summer and reported to the USED at their request, most likely in December 2010.

Source: Local Education Agency, NCLB Annual Consolidated Performance Reports.

V. ANNUAL PROGRAMS:

Governor’s Program:

Maine received a total of \$284,670 in SDFSCA Governor’s program funds – 3% for administration and 97% for discretionary programs. The Office of Substance Abuse combined \$161,500 of the Governor’s discretionary funds with \$30,578 of other substance abuse prevention funds to provide funding through contracts for the following agencies to reduce substance use and/or violence in children and youth who are not normally served by

State educational agencies or local education agencies; or populations that need special services or additional resources (such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless children and youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school dropouts). Following is a list of the Governor's Program grantees for 2009-10.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>SDFS Funds</u>	<u>Other Prevention Funds</u>	<u>Total Amount of Funds</u>
Child Health Center, Auburn	40,375	7,125	47,500
MSAD #68, Dover-Foxcroft	40,375	7,125	47,500
Community School Passages Program, Camden	40,797	9,203	50,000
Penquis CAP, Bangor	<u>39,953</u>	<u>7,125</u>	<u>47,078</u>
Totals	\$161,500	\$30,578	\$192,078

SDFSCA Regular Grants:

Maine received a base total of \$1,058,971 in SDFSCA funds for school year 2009-2010 to allocate to school districts. This was the same amount that was allocated for the 2008-09 school year. Due to school district consolidation, 157 applications were received from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) compared to the approximately 185 that had been received in past years. Four LEAs that were eligible to receive very minimal SDFS funding opted to decline acceptance. As of this report date, all submitted applications have been approved. Allocations ranged from a high of \$62,357 for the largest school system to far less than \$1,000 for the smallest school units. The base, per pupil allocation for 2009-10 was approximately \$5.37. Staff reviewed applications and performance reports in a timely manner and, as necessary, requested revisions to submitted plans.

Technical assistance was provided to school districts via on-site visits, letter, fax, phone, and email. Email distribution lists for NCLB Coordinators and Title IV-A Coordinators were updated and the distribution lists were again extensively utilized for routine communication with the field regarding application status issues and for timely dissemination of prevention news and resource information.

For 2009-10, approximately \$96,081 was REAPED* out of Title IV-A and approximately \$136,654 was TRANSFERRED** out. Both of the REAPED out and TRANSFERRED out amounts were significantly less than in past years. For comparison, the amount REAPED out of Title IV-A during 2008-09 was approximately \$131,754 and the amount TRANSFERRED out was approximately \$180,883. For the first time, a significant amount (\$ 261,674) was TRANSFERRED into Title IV-A from the various other NCLBA Titles. An amount of \$196,674 of the total amount TRANSFERRED into Title IV-A was due to Portland School Department's decision to transfer funds into Title IV-A to support alternative education programming.

**** The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) allows rural school districts with less than 600 students greater flexibility in how they utilize NCLB Title funds. The option allows these districts to combine up to 100% of funds from certain Titles to support projects that are allowable under other Titles.***

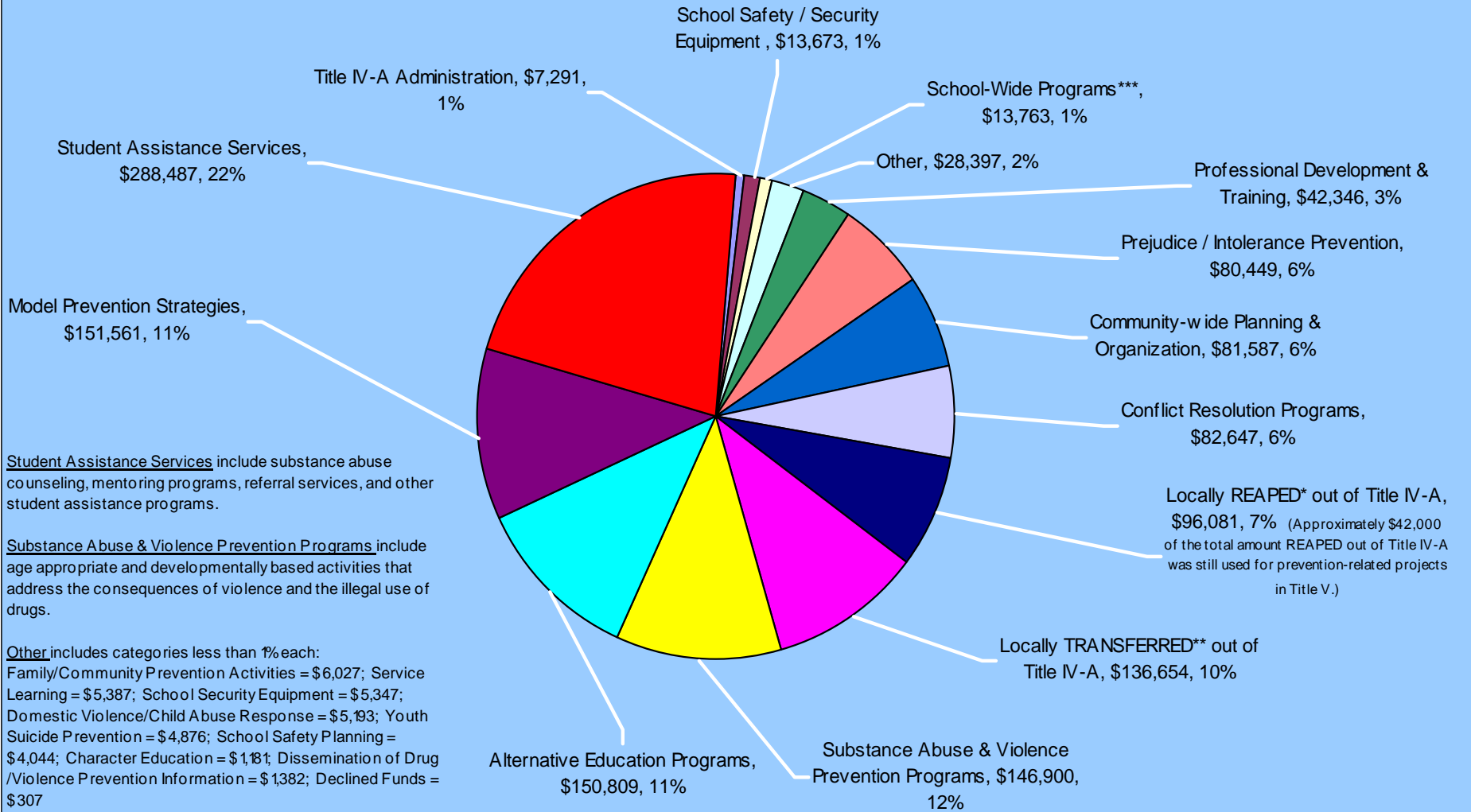
*****The TRANSFER option allows school districts to transfer up to 50% of certain Title funds to support projects that are allowable under other Titles.***

Source: Local Education Agency, NCLB Annual Consolidated Applications.

Following is a chart that shows the distribution of 2009-10 SDFSCA regular grant funds by project type:

Distribution of Safe & Drug-Free Schools (Title IV-A) Funds 2009-10

(Includes base allocation of \$1,058,971 plus \$261,674 transferred into Title IV-A for a total disbursement of \$1,320,645)



Carry-Over Funds for SDFSCA Regular Program School Projects:

Sixty (60) LEAs carried over some portion of their 2008-09 Title IV-A allocation into school year 2009-10. A total of \$110,230 (10.41%) was requested to be used as carryover. Except for a small number of extensions that were granted (approximately 9) these carryover funds were expended by 12/31/09 following Title IV-A regulations.

Source: Local Education Agency, NCLB Annual Consolidated Applications.

Research-based Model Prevention Programs:

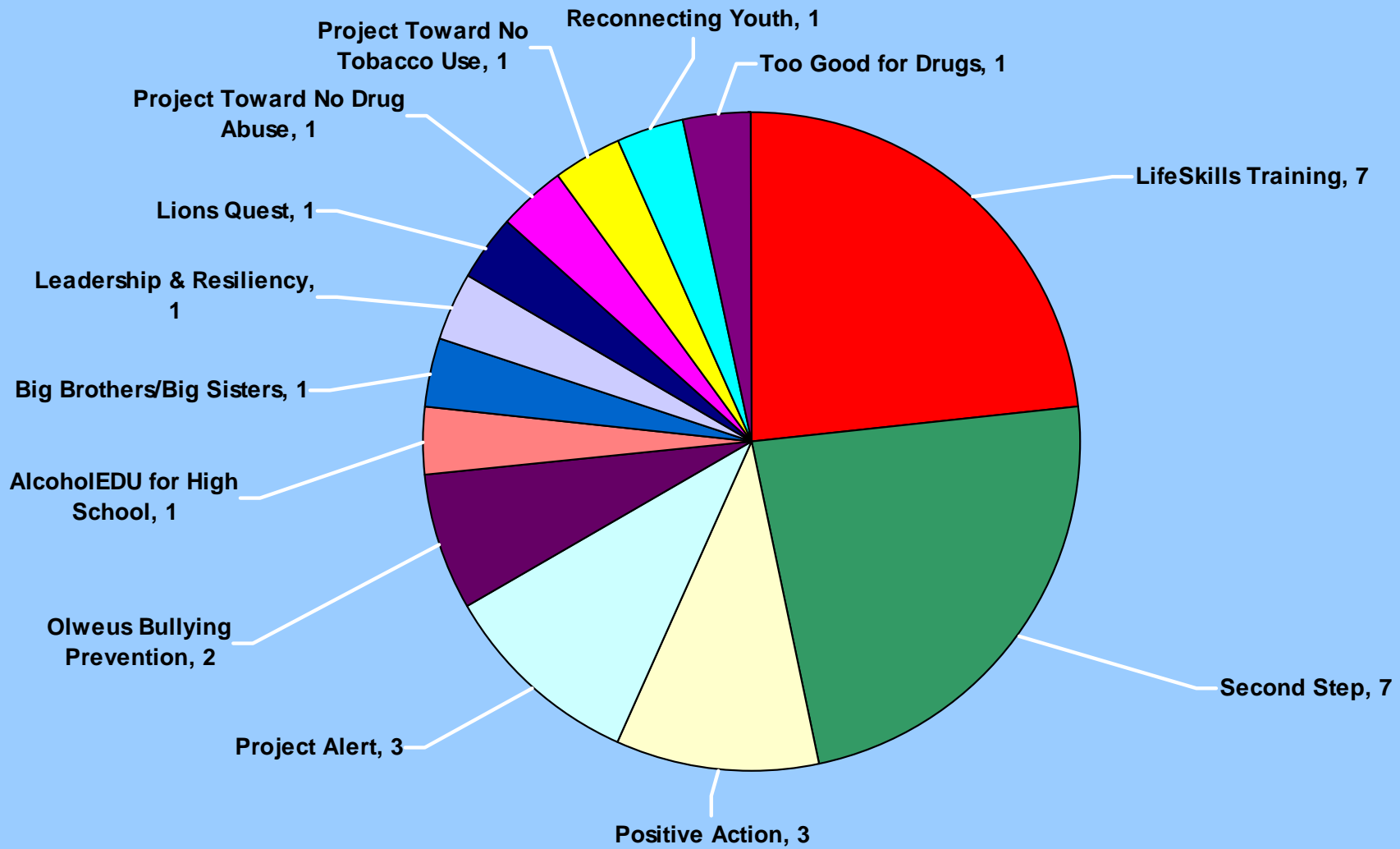
Approximately 30 model prevention programs were SDFSCA-funded during the 2009-10 school year by 25 different LEAs. (It should be noted that an unknown number of LEAs also support model prevention programs using local funds.)

LifeSkills Training and *Second Step* (tied at 7) were the most popular model programs that were SDFSCA-funded.

Source: Local Education Agency, NCLB Annual Consolidated Applications.

A chart showing the breakdown of 2009-10 SDFSCA-funded model programs follows:

Model Programs Using Safe & Drug Free Schools (Title IV-A) Funds 2009-10



VI. SCHOOL VIOLENCE

For 2008-09, there were 40 reported bomb threats compared to 44 reported for 2007-08. Data for school year 2009-10 is currently being collected. Senior high schools have consistently reported receiving the highest number of bomb threats.

Bomb Threat Reports	2008-09
Elementary School	2
Middle/Jr. High School	12
Senior High School	26
All Schools	40

Source: School bomb threat incidence data collected by the Maine Department of Education for school year 2008-09.

Unsafe School Choice Option (USCO):

As required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by Title IX Section 9532 of the No Child Left Behind Act, each state receiving funds under this Title was required to implement an Unsafe School Choice Option Policy (USCO). Maine's Policy was formally adopted and forwarded to USDE in the Fall of 2003 and the Maine Department of Education and Office of Substance Abuse has collected and analyzed the required data. Since 2003, no Maine school has met or exceeded the criterion threshold for designation as a "persistently dangerous school." Another section of this policy requires LEAs experiencing a violent criminal offense to offer victims of such an offense an opportunity to transfer to another school within the district provided that LEA has more than one school serving students of the victims grade level. Because Maine schools generally are located in relatively small districts which have only one school serving students in a given grade, students who are victims of a violent criminal offense, particularly at the secondary level, are not likely to be given a transfer option unless by superintendent arrangement. Consequently, data on the number of such transfers is not being collected.

SDFSCA Incidence of Prohibited Behavior Data Collection:

Continuing with the 2008-09 school year, districts were required to report their school incidence data into the Maine Education Data Management Systems (MEDMS), operated and managed by the Maine Department of Education, on a case by case basis throughout the year. Since changing to the MEDMS system, the reports have been more complicated to analyze and it has taken additional DOE and OSA staff time to aggregate the new data. The 2008-09 incident data is currently being analyzed and is expected to be available to the public in a report form by the first part of July, 2010.

VII. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WORKSHOPS

Throughout the 2009-10 school year, staff in the SDFSCA Program provided technical assistance, training and consultation to a number of local school district personnel and others through a variety of methods including telephone, e-mail, fax, on-site visits to meet with local personnel, and meetings held in Augusta. Following is a list of some of the assistance provided to grantees during this time period:

NCLBA Team SEA/LEA On-Site Monitoring Reviews During School Year 2009-10:

MSAD 29 Houlton, Union 102 Machias, Westbrook, MSAD 3 Thorndike, MSAD 52 Turner, Portland, Falmouth, RSU 1 Bath, MSAD 54 Skowhegan, MSAD 28 Camden & Five Towns CSD, MSAD 9 Farmington, MSAD 11 Gardiner, Union 49 Edgecomb, MSAD 37 Harrington, Easton, MSAD 1 Presque Isle, MSAD 40 Waldoboro, MSAD 59 Madison, MSAD 49 Fairfield, MSAD 27 Fort Kent, and York

Governor's Program:

Technical assistance via phone and e-mail and/or face to face meetings, were provided to personnel of all four of the Governor's program sites. No on-site visits were made by staff to program sites during the 2009-10 year.

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Teleconferences and Regional Workshops

During April and May, 2010, the NCLB Team conducted five regional workshops designed to assist school personnel with submission of the 2009-10 NCLB Consolidated Performance Report and the 2010-11 NCLB Consolidated Application. They were held in Waterville, Dedham, Auburn, Saco and Presque Isle. Approximately 170 school personnel participated in the regional workshops, representing 125 different school districts.