

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION
with Related Task Force Desired Outcomes and Remaining Recommendations**

*Strengths and Weaknesses in Montana's Continuum of Services and
What Can the Legislature Do About It?*

...Implement prevention and early intervention efforts

1. Youth Access and Consumption
 - Related Task Force Desired Outcome:
Underage alcohol, tobacco and other drug consumption and concomitant problems are reduced.
 - Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
 - 6.2 Reduce Underage Consumption and Concomitant Problems:
 - 6.2.2 Use training to change accepting culture of ATOD use
 - 6.2.6 Propose keg registration legislation (HB 660)
 - 6.2.7 Propose Graduated Driver's License Legislation (GDL)
 - Legislative items for reconsideration:
HB 625 Voted county levy for programs to prevent youth substance abuse
 - Other ideas:
"Strategies to reduce and prevent underage drinking"

2. Prevention Leadership and Investment
 - Related Task Force Desired Outcomes:
State and local leadership support investment in scientifically defensible prevention practices because they understand and are convinced of prevention's value. Prevention funding allocations are based on established outcomes and there are incentives for melding or "braiding" of prevention funds at the local level. Media messages that target minors and that portray the misuse or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs are limited.
 - Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
 - 6.3 Investment in prevention: 11 recommendations to support and fund youth prevention programs
 - 6.10 Prevention funding based on outcomes
 - 6.11 Media messages improve

- Related to Number 6. Coordinated Statewide Leadership (see below)
 - ICC 8/22 Recommendations:
 - A statewide holistic philosophy and policies that drive all prevention funding: alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and problem behaviors.
 - The Prevention Resource Center is a welcomed resource for both state agencies and communities; funding is needed to continue and expand this work.
 - Unified Budget...make it meaningful and provide funding to support it.
 - Community recommendations:
 - Compile resource and reference information on substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment (GF).
 - Support an educational component on the costs of substance abuse to society, i.e., child abuse, educational system, declining available workforce (GF).
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...Provide appropriate treatment opportunities at the most effective time and in the most cost-effective and efficient manner

3. Responsive Treatment System

- Related Task Force Desired Outcomes:
 - Montana has a treatment delivery system that is responsive to treatment demands, geographical issues and specific target populations. Target populations include reservation/urban Native Americans, correctional populations, women and youth. This includes a system that is specific to drug types, addresses dual diagnosis, is accessible, affordable and considers family needs.**
- Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
 - 6.4 Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the continuum of state-supported treatment services to monitor performance and outcomes related to core benchmarks. (Resources for Recovery grant will be providing a statewide mapping of resources):
 - 6.4.1 Corrections Pop. – Improve Coordination; Treatment Options (standards, DUI alternatives)
 - 6.4.2 Women - Allow Felony Drug Offenders Access to Public Benefits
 - 6.4.3-5 Also youth and family-based intervention, culturally-appropriate treatment for Native American populations, and methamphetamine addicts.

- Community recommendations:
 - Pursue a continuum of resources for long-term treatment in the community with necessary community supports and greater case management (GF).
 - Legislative and other efforts:
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...Develop and use alternatives to incarceration

4. Combating Driving Under the Influence
 - Related Task Force Desired Outcome:
Montana has a strong and cohesive legal framework for combating DUI problems.
 - Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
6.7 B-F, J Strong Framework for Combating DUI
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5. Targeting Methamphetamines
 - Related Task Force Desired Outcome:
Montana has a comprehensive plan to deter manufacturing and sale of methamphetamine; cleanup of sites and contamination; and increase education.
 - Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
6.13 Comprehensive Methamphetamine Plan
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Develop Proposals for a Coordinated Cooperative Effort by Federal, State, and Local Levels of Government and the Private Sector

6. Coordinated Statewide Leadership
 - Related Task Force Desired Outcomes:

Montana has very effective inter-jurisdictional cooperation between the tribal governments and state government. Montana has a comprehensive statewide plan for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse prevention education. The plan should include education for youth, parents, caregivers, allied service providers, the media, and the general public. Implementation of the plan would result in informed attitudes and beliefs, and appropriate cultural norms toward the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

- Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
 - 6.1.2 Hold State and Federal Government to Government Discussions
 - 6.1.3 Establish a “Drug Czar” Position
 - 6.1.4 Explore Funding and Resource Options to Support ATOD Programs
 - 6.5 Comprehensive Plan for ATOD Prevention
- Related to Number 2. Prevention Leadership and Investment (see above)
- ICC 8/22 Recommendations:
 - A statewide holistic philosophy and policies that drive all prevention funding: alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and problem behaviors.
 - A balance between the prevention, treatment, and judicial systems in Montana.
 - A champion for the continuum of services that covers prevention, intervention, treatment, continued care, and judicial functions in all agencies...one that has a legislative voice and can cross departmental agencies to direct the holistic philosophy or policy.
 - A body of people who are empowered to carry out the holistic philosophy or policy.



7. Bridging Prevention, Treatment, and Justice
- Related Task Force Desired Outcome:
Montana has reduced revocations for probation and parole offenders for alcohol and other drug use.
 - Remaining Task Force Recommendations:
 - 6.12 Reduce (probation and parole revocations)
 - Community recommendations:
 - Assistance to District Courts in funding treatment courts (GF).

