

VALENCIA COUNTY FY 2014

The data below is reflective of services being funded and/or offered through the Local DWI Program. The absence of data in a component does not mean services are not being offered through other funding sources and programs in the county.

Screening

- 169 total DWI offenders screened
- 9 total Domestic Violence offenders screened
- 1 total other offenders screened

Treatment

- 165 offenders were referred to treatment
- 1468 total treatment hours provided
- 821 total treatment sessions provided

Enforcement – LDWI Funded

- 39 check points, saturation patrols, and other enforcement activities
- 9 DWI arrests
- 23 open container citations
- 16 under 21 possession or consumption citations

Compliance Monitoring

- 188 offenders currently being tracked (active)

Alternative Sentencing

- 196 offenders referred to alternative sentencing

Coordination, Planning & Evaluation

- 5 local DWI Planning Council meetings conducted
- 97 training/meeting activities attended by local program staff
- 12 training/meeting activities provided by local program staff

Domestic Violence – LDWI Funded

- 31 offenders referred to domestic violence program

Demographics – DWI Offender Profile

- 176 total offenders screened
- 36 average age of offender
- 77 % were between the ages of 21 and 50
- 36-50 age of highest percentage of offenders (28%)
- 80 % were male
- 63 % were Hispanic
- 4 % were Native American
- 28 % were White
- 0 % were Multi-racial/Other
- 27 % had 11 years or less of education
- 40 % had 12 years
- 44 % had an annual income of less than \$10,000
- 20 % had an annual income between \$10,001 and \$20,000
- 29 % were not employed in the last year
- 55 % worked nine months or less during the last year

- 25 % were categorized as having an established problem
- 5 % were categorized as having no apparent alcohol problem

Treatment History

- 77 % have no history of outpatient treatment

Alcohol Abuse History

- 94 % reported alcohol as drug used during lifetime
- 21 % reported they first used alcohol monthly at age 16-18

Assessment Profile

- 41 % were categorized as having a severe problem

Summary of DWI Program Effectiveness and Outcomes as Reported to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

The Village of Los Lunas/Valencia County DWI Program (VLL/VC DWI Program) provides the community a comprehensive approach to combating the varied negative effects of DWI through the implementation, administration, and evaluation of the following components: coordination, planning and evaluation, prevention, enforcement, screening, compliance, alternative sentencing, and treatment. It is believed, based upon community feedback and data that can be correlated to the DWI Program and its partner's activities/efforts that the VLL/V C DWI program is effective in contributing to positive outcomes related to DWI.

The VLL/VC DWI program focuses a good amount of attention to the prevention of Underage Drinking/Substance Abuse that has been linked to numerous detrimental outcomes to include: fatalities, DWI, incarceration, sexual assault/risky sexual behavior, suicide, low performance in school, and/or dropping out of school and the list goes on. In Valencia County based upon the most current results of the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS 2013), Valencia County went from its highest rate for current Underage Drinking of 55% in 2003 down to 40.2% in 2013. The trend for current rates of underage drinking has steadily declined in the past 10 years with a slight spike in 2013 from 38.7% in 2011 to 40.2% in 2013. YRRS 2013 reports of driving while under the influence 21.3% in 2003 and/or riding with a driver whom has been drinking 37.1% in 2003 has also decreased to 15.9% and 23% respectively in 2013. There has also been progress in slightly decreasing the age of first drink of alcohol before age 13 from 37.6% in 2003 to 33.1% in 2013. While there have been steady decreases as mentioned above, 2013 has been a year that has shown a slight upward spike in each of the behaviors listed above; however, it will take additional years data to determine any changes in the downward trending that has been evident over the past 10 years. The VLL/VC DWI program approaches prevention by utilizing evidence-based curriculum/programing/practices/policies through direct contact with students/youth in classrooms/assemblies/community programs and also by working with the larger community, to include the schools and law enforcement, to ensure the greatest amount of impact in consideration of the very limited capacity of the VLL/VC staff (only .50 of one FTE is dedicated to prevention at this time). A systemic, community-based approach to prevention is likely to have the greatest amount of positive overall impact, producing the greatest overall positive outcomes such as those cited above and VLL/VC staff are actively involved in numerous local, regional, and state level boards/coalitions/community groups to provide technical assistance/advocacy for evidence-based prevention along with keeping the VLL/VC connected and active within the community it serves.

In the New Mexico DWI Offender Characteristics and Recidivism Report 2002-2012, a comprehensive report produced and released in May 2014 by the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Section, Injury and Behavioral Epidemiology Bureau, and Epidemiology and Response Division of the Department of Health, many recommendations are made to include comprehensive enforcement of both drinking and driving and underage drinking laws due to the importance of work to impact/change perception of the likelihood of getting caught for alcohol related infractions by enforcement which deters DWI and Underage Drinking and/or provision/sales of alcohol to minors along with having enforcement focused on enforcing violations of DWI and Underage Drinking/Laws that pertain to Underage Drinking. The VLL/VC DWI Program has a

very active enforcement component with the Underage Drinking Prevention Taskforce that includes participation of all local law enforcement agencies working together. In FY 2014, the VLL/VC DWI Underage Taskforce conducted 39 combined Saturation, Party Patrols, and Compliance Checks resulting in: 9 DWI's, 23 open containers citations, 16 MIPs, 16 other arrests, and 407 other citations. 407 other citations is significant to this report to emphasize the police presence that contributes to the perception that if you drink and drive, drink underage, and/or provide/sell alcohol to minors in Valencia County there is a greater chance of getting caught. Finally, the local law enforcement/schools working together provides a clear and united message to the community about no tolerance of DWI/Underage Drinking and allows for collaboration and resource sharing that is vital to having the greatest overall community impact.

One of the VLL/VC DWI Program's greatest success stories is the reduction in recidivism and increase in conviction rates. In July of 2012, the VLL/VC DWI Program implemented the supervised Misdemeanor Compliance Program in response to the high recidivism rates, low conviction rates, and upon the strong demand of the local Judicial system. According to the 2010 Division of Government Research report (DGR 2010), 49% of Valencia County's DWI offenders were repeat offenders. Additionally, New Mexico Courts 2010 online report located at: http://www.nmcourts.gov/dwi_reports/2010dwicourtdispositions.pdf listed a conviction rate of 50.8% for Magistrate Courts and 64.3% for District Courts located in Valencia County. In just a few focused years of effort between the VLL/VC DWI Program, local law enforcement, and the local judicial system, the (DOH Recidivism/May 2014) Report cited Valencia County between the years of 2002-2012 to have a 25.6% recidivism rate which is a sizeable reduction in repeat offenders being rearrested. The New Mexico Courts 2013 report on DWI Dispositions located at: http://www.nmcourts.gov/dwi_reports/2013dwicourtdispositions.pdf lists the conviction rate of 63.8% for Magistrate Courts and 71.4% for District and located in Valencia County in 2013—both positive increases. Complimenting the increased conviction rates, client compliance with court-ordered sanctions is at an all-time high in Valencia County with very limited client violations and even fewer closed cases with unsuccessful completion of sanctions. The VLL/VC DWI Program provides the Courts with Alternative Sentencing opportunities for sanctioning clients to: GPS tracking, SCRAMx ankle monitor and/or Sober Link devices. Alternative sentencing benefits both clients and community by allowing clients to complete sanctions and continue to work while not costing the community to have clients incarcerated. Incarceration has not been shown to have a significant deterrent effect on recidivism rates and is very expensive. Clients on SCRAMx/Sober Link systems are monitored 24 hours per day for alcohol use. Many clients have self-reported benefits of monitoring devices citing the alcohol detection devices as contributing to their success keeping sober. Efforts also continue through VLL/VC DWI Planning Council which includes representatives from both the District Attorney's Office along with local Law Enforcement amongst many other agencies/community members to continue to identify ways to increase prosecution rates within our community while fostering a greater understanding amongst the DWI Planning Council members regarding what it takes to successfully convict DWI offenders and all the many elements that are involved and necessary to work together for overall positive outcomes.

Finally, the VLL/VC DWI Program continues to strive to provide in-house treatment services that are free of charge. The demographic report generated through data entered into the ADE for Valencia County demonstrates both the need for treatment and the lack of resources to pay for and access the treatment that is so greatly needed. In Valencia County the majority of the convicted DWI offenders were amongst the poorest in our community with 44 % of the convicted offenders having an annual income of less than \$10,000 combined with 20 % having an annual income between \$10,001 and \$20,000 accounting for 64% of the overall client population. With limited income to pay for treatment services and transportation, VLL/VC DWI offenders are given the option to receive treatment free of charge at the location that they already have to report to their Compliance Officer. Because the VLL/VC DWI Treatment program is considered to be Out Patient treatment and NOT Intensive Out Patient Treatment, the treatment provided is not considered eligible for Medicaid reimbursement and considering the majority of the clients sanctioned do not have a need for Intensive Out Patient Treatment, having free treatment alternatives continues to be a top priority for the VLL/VC DWI Program. With free and accessible treatment combined with supervised Misdemeanor Compliance Program, attendance and successful completion of the treatment sanctions has seen a positive increase and those successfully completing treatment receive the most benefit and are less likely to reoffend.