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Ohio awarded a more than \$10 million grant for substance abuse prevention

Multi-year program to be delivered by Ohio Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services

(Columbus, OH – July 16, 2009) This month Ohio was awarded the competitive five-year, Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) totaling more than \$10 million, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

The SPF- SIG program seeks to advance the field of scientific, evidence-based substance abuse prevention research by affording local communities the opportunity to determine its specific youth-related prevention needs and develop strategies to address those needs. Administered on behalf of the state of Ohio by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), the \$2.1 million will be divided among several of Ohio's 88 counties each year of the grant, following a rigorous application and selection process to take place over the course of the next year.

ODADAS Director Angela Cornelius Dawson, said, "It is a tremendous honor for our state to have been selected. Ohio now has the mechanism by which to build a sustainable, replicable, culturally competent prevention infrastructure at the grassroots level to delay the onset of teenage alcohol and other drug use. This program will impact the lives of thousands of Ohio's youth."

In 2002, Ohio was awarded the three-year SAMHSA CSAP Prevention State Incentive Grant that increased evidence-based substance abuse prevention programming at the county and local and provided the basis upon which this year's SPF SIG goals were developed.

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