



Promising Partnerships

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“We simply must work together as public safety professionals in collaboration with our community partners. This is the most effective strategy to reduce crime, protect our communities and make our neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise families.” Pat Bradley, Executive Director, MPCTC

CSAFE – The Rock

*By Glen Plutschak, Administrator
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Thomas Jefferson once said, “In matters of style, swim with the tide; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.” How is Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement (CSAFE) like a rock? What are the most basic tenets of our collaboration and partnership? I believe there are at least five:

1. CSAFE is a team priority and a philosophy.
Sports teams that win championships have strong players at all positions. Winning teams focus on team goals. CSAFE is no different. Our Heightened Enforcement, Accountability and Treatment (HEAT) teams need strong players who believe in our basic tenets of reducing crime, recidivism and improving quality of life. They attend all HEAT meetings, arrive on time and are prepared.
2. Staff high-risk cases applying “What Works” principles.
Research clearly tells us that we can reduce recidivism. It is not easy but I know of nothing more effective in fulfilling the goals of CSAFE than to move offenders to pro-social behavior. We must address the criminogenic traits of our caseloads and make use of cognitive behavioral techniques, substance abuse counseling, education and employment programs.

3. Track warrants and serve them quickly.
Despite our best efforts, a percentage of those under supervision will fail. We must remove these individuals from our communities quickly, before they create new victims. By working as a team, we have demonstrated tremendous reductions in service time for violation of probation/parole warrants.
4. Expand HEAT and Neighborhood Safety teams.
HEAT teams should expand membership to include representatives from treatment, detention centers, and States’ Attorneys while Neighborhood Safety Teams should expand to include public, private and non-profit agencies.
5. Follow the HEAT team meeting format.
Like a pilot going through a pre-flight checklist, members who consistently follow the meeting format, experience success. This includes discussing crime trends, warrant service, introducing new cases and most importantly, staffing high risk cases and developing action plans to move juveniles and adults to pro-social behaviors.

Standing like a rock on these basic concepts provides the best chance of reaching our goals.



Dr. Mary Livers, Deputy Secretary for Operations of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services addresses participants of the Collaborating for Positive Results breakfast.

Collaborating for Positive Results

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison,
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On April 27, 2006, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), in partnership with the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit, hosted a breakfast entitled Collaborating for Positive Results. Service providers from substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, youth prevention, senior employment training, Re-Entry, community crime prevention, and many other disciplines had the opportunity to link with the 52 CSAFE areas throughout the state of Maryland. Additionally, participants were encouraged to provide suggestions about how to improve collaboration between their services and the CSAFE area in their jurisdiction, while having an opportunity to network with other service providers. By gaining this knowledge, new partners were identified and additional services will now be available to community residents and clients under community supervision.

CSAFE Partners with Drug Court

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I,
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Several members of the Berlin CSAFE team are also involved with the Worcester County Drug Court. This collaboration has been an asset to both the team members and the clientele that they serve. One example of this is the assistance that was provided to a woman who was recently released from the local detention center. When released, she had only the clothes on her back. Additionally, she had no place to live because she did not want to return to her mother's home, which was located in an area known for drug trafficking.

Members of the Drug Court and the CSAFE team worked together to provide assistance to this woman. Not only was she referred to treatment, as ordered by the Court, but several members of the CSAFE HEAT team and the Neighborhood

Safety Team (NST) offered assistance. AGAPE, a faith based organization, provided clothing and food and Worcester County Youth and Family Services provided monetary assistance for rent. The team members also helped her locate an apartment, obtain furniture, and provided her with a bicycle for transportation. This client has been attending treatment on a regular basis and is now in phase three of the Drug Court program.

This is one example of why the Worcester County Drug Court was recently honored as "Maryland's Most Innovative Drug Court". During the presentation, Maryland District Court Chief Judge Ben C. Clyburn stated that "you are model participants and collaborators in the criminal justice system."

Maryland Sex Offender Alert Line

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I,
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Has a sex offender moved into your neighborhood? Through the Maryland Sex Offender Alert Line, you can receive a phone call when a convicted sex offender moves into your zip code area.

Call the Maryland Sex Offender Alert Line at 1-866-559-8017 and enter your phone number and zip code. When the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services receives notice that a registered sex offender is moving into that area, you will receive a notification call. You will then be directed to the Maryland Sex Offender Registry at www.socem.info for more information.

"True collaboration will occur when all the stakeholders are willing and able to commit to the five T's of collaboration: i.e. sharing of time, talent, treasure, turf, and building of trust among all."

Myra Wall Downing, Measuring Collaboration in Criminal Justice Problem Solving Project

CSAFE Academy Held at the Public Safety Education Training Center

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I,
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A three-day academy, for new HEAT team members, was held May 16 – 18, 2006. Employees of the Division of Parole and Probation, Department of Juvenile Services, various law enforcement agencies, and other disciplines were introduced to the CSAFE philosophy.



Secretary Kenneth C. Montague, Jr., Department of Juvenile Services, gives the keynote address on day two of the CSAFE academy

Episcopal Community Services of Maryland Partner with DPP

*By Ernest Eley, Proactive Community
Supervision Coordinator, Division of Parole and
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The Maryland Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) is pleased to partner with a local faith-based organization, Episcopal Community Services of Maryland (ECSM) in Baltimore. ECSM received a \$650,000 Presidential Re-Entry Grant from the United States Department of Labor. ECSM and DPP are focused on assisting 200 ex-offenders per year in Baltimore City by providing the following services:

- Employment readiness training and job placement assistance
- Substance abuse recovery support and referrals

- Computer and Internet training
- GED, pre-GED, and vocational training
- Bus tokens
- Mentoring
- Interview or work clothing
- Daily meals

The program is available to any offender under supervision or person with a criminal record in Baltimore City. The individual must not have any history or conviction for assault or crimes of violence. The new partnership presents an opportunity to leverage valuable resources to individuals under parole, mandatory release and probation supervision.

The ‘T’ in HEAT Stands for Treatment

*By James R. Hedrick, Treatment Specialist,
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Do you really know what Hydrocone, Vicodin, Lortab, Oxycodone, OxyContin, and Percocet are? These names belong to a class of drugs known as Opioids – prescription narcotics that are an emerging drug trend. This is evidenced by recent news stories about reporters and public officials, who used to inform the public about drugs, becoming the news as they disclose stories of personal addiction.

Opioids are the most abused prescription drugs. These drugs, sold under the names listed above, produce sedating and euphoric feelings for users. Abusers report that the high temporarily “helps” with their physical and psychological problems; yet, this “help” is tolerance and dependency. Continued use may result in an overdose including nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, confusion, severe respiratory depression, coma or death.

There are a number of appropriate treatment options and support services available to people with an addiction to the non-medical use of prescriptions. These individualized treatment plans must address the person’s psychological addiction - the preoccupation with obtaining the

drug despite the consequences. In addition, the treatment must confront the individual’s physical dependency, which will usually create withdrawal symptoms. With the correct treatment combinations, including group, individual or other behavioral therapy, recovery can be attained and sustained.

If you have any suggestion on future substance abuse topics that you would like information about, please email me at jrhedrick@dpscs.state.md.us

Notable Accomplishments

The staff of Advanced and Specialized Training and members of the CSAFE communities want to congratulate John Tewey on his new position with Amtrak. John began working for TAU/AST in 1999 and was later appointed the CSAFE Division Chief at the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Good luck, John!

HATS, CSAFE On the Job Training, & Key Indicator/Warrant Tracking Training

The above training will be held the following dates at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, MD

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- HATS: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- On the Job Training: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

DATES:

July 28, 2006 September 29, 2006
 August 25, 2006 October 27, 2006

Comments or suggestions, please email us at AST@dpscs.state.md.us

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TRAINING

Continuing Education Classes

MPCTC certified classes are offered throughout the state. The schedule is as follows:

Criminal Street Gangs – A Safety Perspective

- June 29, 2006 – Hagerstown
- July 20, 2006 – La Plata
- August 10, 2006 – Annapolis
- August 17, 2006 – Towson
- August 24, 2006 - Cambridge
- August 31, 2006 – Rockville

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