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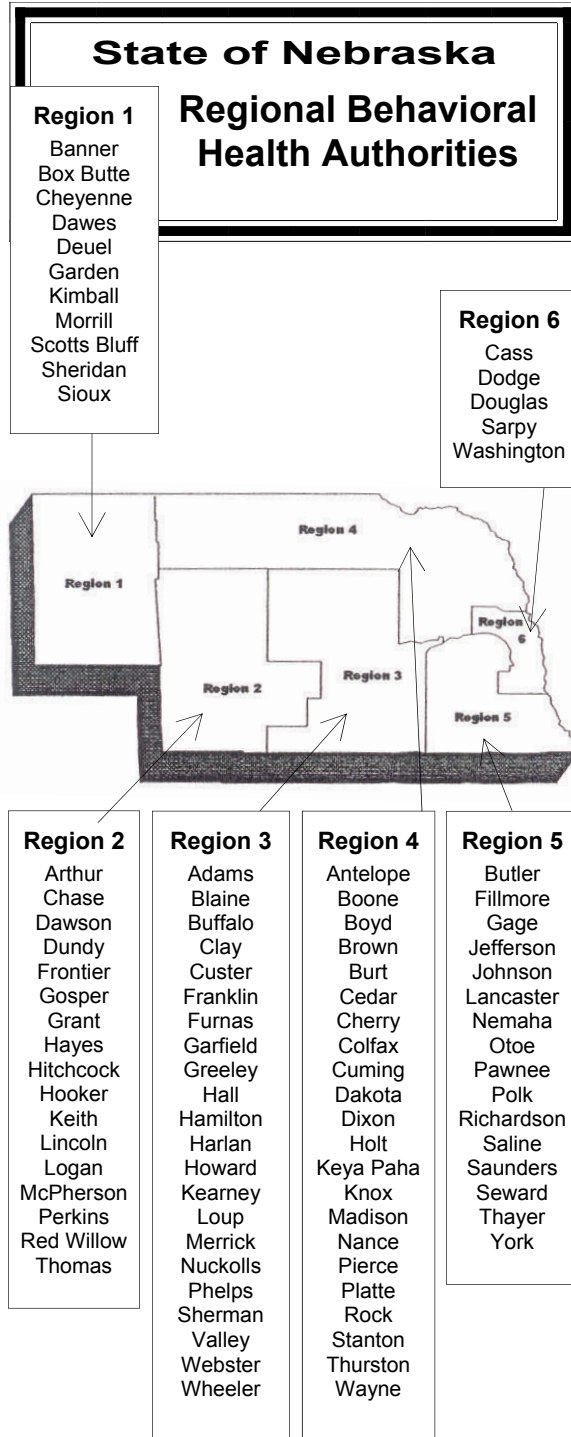
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Nebraska Regional Prevention System Coordination

“Prevention: An active process of creating conditions and fostering personal attributes which promote the well-being of people.”

-William A. Lofquist

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Regional Prevention System Coordination

What is Regional Prevention System Coordination?

Regional prevention systems are defined as purposeful, effective, and sustained partnerships of agencies, organizations, and individuals committed to preventing substance abuse, addictive disorders, and related societal problems. They operate at the community level embracing community culture while leading the development of strong, sustainable, community-based prevention activities focused on producing pro-social changes.

Prevention system activities prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, reduce the related problems, and build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State/Tribal and community level. Regions, community coalitions, prevention providers, schools, law enforcement and other key stakeholders are all part of this system.

Regional Prevention System Coordination (RPSC) is funded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Behavioral Health Services. Each of the six Behavioral Health Regions has a designated Regional Prevention Coordinator that is the contact for prevention system information.

What does Regional Prevention System Coordination do for my community?

◆ *Coordination of State Activities*

Under the direction of the Division of Behavioral Health and the Office of Community Health Development, RPSC is responsible for the coordination of activities in support of a unified prevention system across Nebraska. Consistent communication occurs among all Regions.

◆ *Coordination of Regional Coalitions*

RPSC is knowledgeable about prevention strategies that occur among existing and newly developing community coalitions and works to bridge together the diverse substance abuse prevention funding streams from (but not limited to) federal block grant, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community, Strategic Prevention Framework –State Incentive Grant, and Drug Free Communities.

◆ *Training*

RPSC develops and implements training opportunities to all substance abuse prevention coalitions. Trainings focus around specific state, regional, and community developed priorities.

◆ *Technical Assistance*

RPSC provides technical assistance to substance abuse prevention coalitions in implementing data-driven evidence-based policies, programs, and practices. Assistance is available on the Strategic Prevention Framework planning process.

◆ *Reporting*

RPSC collects and reports on all substance abuse prevention activities among community coalitions, particularly those that are funded in whole or part by the federal substance abuse block grant. They also collect on the National Outcome Measures (NOMS) outlined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

How do I access the regional prevention system technical assistance?

Simply call and ask how your RPSC can help your community in preventing substance abuse.

