

Washington State Incentive Grant Community Project Description

Community Project: Othello Prevention Collaboration
Lead Agency: City of Othello

Abstract

The Othello School District has nearly 10,000 inhabitants, doubling to 18,000 during the fall harvest season. Nearly two-thirds of the population living within the school district boundaries are Hispanic, half of whom use English as a second language, with many speaking only Spanish. There were 2,802 full-time equivalent students enrolled in the district as of May 1, 1999, with 70 percent being Hispanic.

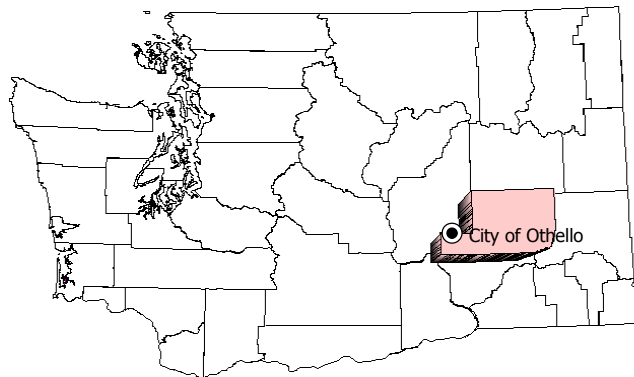
It was determined that a universal approach to reach all students enrolled in Grades 4 through 8 and also their siblings, relatives, and parents would be most beneficial. Currently, alcohol and other drug-related arrests in a 10- to 14-year-old age group in Adams County are four times the rate for the rest of the state, and vandalism arrests are three times the state rate.

The after-school program will consist of three of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's (CSAP) Best Practices Programs and be provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The programs address risk factors associated with friends who use and build protective factors of resistance and social skills; tutoring, addressing risk factors and protective factors relating to academic skills; and mentoring, addressing protective factors related to bonding with adults who have clear standards and healthy personal beliefs.

A recruitment strategy is being developed using bilingual brochures to be distributed throughout the school district and announcements in the school district newsletter, on radio promos in both Spanish and English, and on the cable TV bulletin board. The Othello School District also plans to recruit the students presently participating in the current after-school program, which is ending due to budget restriction.

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