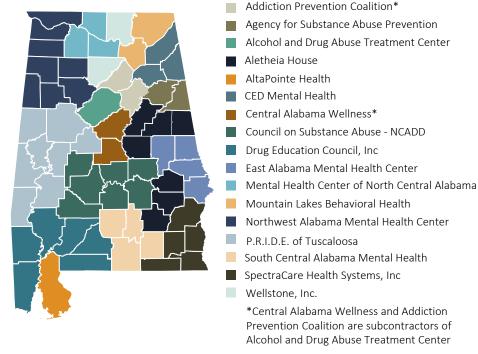
# Alabama Substance Use Block Grant 2022-23 Annual Report Snapshot

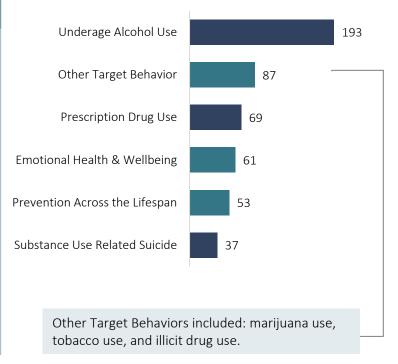
The Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant (Formerly the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment [SAPT] Block Grant) is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA). Alabama's Department of Mental Health (ADMH) Office of Prevention distributes these grant funds to 16 prevention providers within 22 catchment areas who serve all 67 counties across the state. Providers use funds to plan, implement and evaluate prevention strategies aimed at preventing and/or decreasing substance use. Alabama providers and the counties they served for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) are displayed to the right.



In FY23, providers implemented 260 interventions across Alabama's 67 counties, serving **over 1.2 million** people in Alabama.

Block Grant Provider Agency	Numbers
	Served
AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc.	709,335
P.R.I.D.E. of Tuscaloosa	309,899
Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	160,873
Drug Education Council (DEC)	24,483
South Central Alabama Mental Health Center	13,403
Cherokee-Etowah-Dekalb (CED) Mental Health	9,827
Center	
Council on Substance Abuse (COSA)-NCADD	8,572
Central Alabama Wellness (CAW)	5,794
Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP)	4,618
SpectraCare Health Systems, Inc.	1,829
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center	1,462
(ADATC)	
East Alabama Mental Health Center	790
Wellstone, Inc.	690
Mountain Lakes Behavioral Health	456
Aletheia House	258
Addiction Prevention Coalition	20

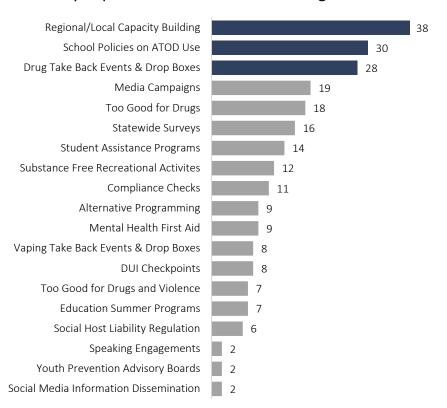
Providers selected interventions to align with statewide priority areas. Providers were also able to implement other interventions that aligned with community needs.







Capacity building programs, school policies on ATOD, and drug take back events and drop boxes were the most commonly implemented interventions during the FY23.



Providers shared the successes they experienced related to the implementation of interventions in FY23. The most common themes are listed in order below.



Collaboration. Provider collaboration with community partners led to success with interventions and establishing new partnerships.



Diverse prevention activities.

Providers reached youth in schools and communities, implementing environmental strategies such as drug take backs and prevention messaging through social media.



Feedback and metrics. Providers reported increases in participant knowledge, compliance checks passed, community readiness to engage in prevention, drugs collected at events.

The tables below present current indicator data on state priority problem areas and if any changes were observed in these data from prior years. Changes in the desired direction are bolded in green while changes in the opposite direction are bolded in red.

#### PROBLEM ALCOHOL USE

#### **Current Indicators**

5.96% of Alabama youth ages 12-17 reported using alcohol in the past month. (NSDUH, 2021)

3.4% of Alabama youth ages 12-17 and 23.4% of those 18-25 reported binge alcohol use in the past month. (NSDUH, 2021)

33% of Alabama drivers involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .01 or higher. (FARS, 2021)

Observations: A decreased rate of youth alcohol use in past month (5.96% in 2021, up from 8.2% in 2019; an increase in the percent of AL drivers involved in fatal crashes who had a BAC of .01 or higher (33% in 2021, up from 31% in 2020).

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AND **OVERDOSES**

## **Current Indicators**

3.93% of Alabamians aged 18+ reported pain reliever misuse in the past month. (NSDUH, 2021)

**18.8%** of Alabama youth reported ever having taken prescription pain medicine without a prescription, or differently than how a doctor told them to use it. (YRBSS, 2021)

**30.1 per 100,000** was the rate of drug overdose deaths in Alabama in 2021. (CDC Wonder, 2021)

Observations: A **decreased** rate of youth prescription misuse (18.8% in 2021, down from 22.1% in 2019); an **increased** rate of drug overdose deaths (30.1 per 100k in 2021, up from 22.3 per 100k in 2020).

# SUBSTANCE-RELATED SUICIDE AND DEATHS BY SUICIDE

## **Current Indicators**

**15.8 per 100,000** was the rate of deaths by suicide in Alabama in 2021. (CDC Wonder, 2021)

**10.2%** of Alabama youth and **0.53%** of Alabama adults reported a suicide attempt in the past year. (YRBSS, 2021; NSDUH, 2021)

**53** Alabamians died by suicide due to alcohol or drug poisonings. (CDC Wonder, 2021)

Observations: Deaths by suicide rate **decreased** from 16.0 per 100k in 2020 to 15.8 per 100k in 2021; number of Alabamians who died by suicide due to alcohol or drug poisonings increased from 51 to 53 individuals from 2019 to 2020.