Faith Shepherds Communities

Polls estimate 60 – 90% of congregations provide at least one social service.

Approximately 75% provide volunteers for social services.

Faith Nurtures Children

One of every 6 childcare centers are housed in religious facilities.

The nation's largest childcare service providers are the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Faith Ministers to Less Fortunate

80% of 300,000 congregations provide services to the needy.

Faith Shapes Lives

Over 90% of urban congregations provide social service – preschool – literacy – health clinics.

Motivation for Faith-Based Communities

Willing to go the second mile Presence in your community Bridge to larger community Awareness that others change Sense of security Sense of belonging

What can local faith communities do?

Help — provide current information on the impact on the spiritual, emotional, physical and psychological health of the community

Provide — space for training on issues important to building safe and thriving communities

Work — collaborate with other faith and community agencies to implement prevention efforts

What is the local problem that needs to be addressed?

Use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

leads to

higher crime rates.

Changing the environment in which the use and abuse occurs

leads to

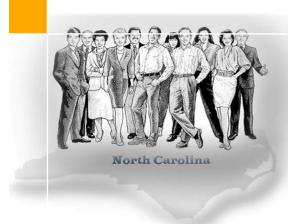
productive, healthy citizens.

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Faith Works Together in NC

Faith and Community Partnerships Changing the Environment for a Drug Free Community



train clergy and community partners in the area of substance abuse prevention

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Questions for Local Communities

- What are the specific substance abuse problems in your community?
- What current activities or programs are being implemented to address these problems?
- Who in the faith community is known for addressing these problems?
- How has your community changed over the past five years?
- What are your hopes and dreams for your community?
- What action would you be willing to commit to in order to be an active part of fulfilling your hopes and dreams?
- Is alcohol use/abuse a problem in your community?
- Is marijuana use a problem in your community?
- Is prescription drug use/abuse a problem in your community?
- Why do people in your community use/abuse drugs?
- What are the greatest threats to your community over the next five years and how are those threats related to possible increase in alcohol and other drug use and abuse?
- How prepared is your community to face these possible challenges?
- What is the actual possibility of your faith community working together in collaboration with others to meet the identified challenges that the community will have to face?

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GOAL - CREATE PREVENTION PREPARED COMMUNITIES WHERE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES TAKE ACTION TO PROMOTE EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND PREVENT AND REDUCE MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN.