



North Carolina Drug Education School

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016-2017



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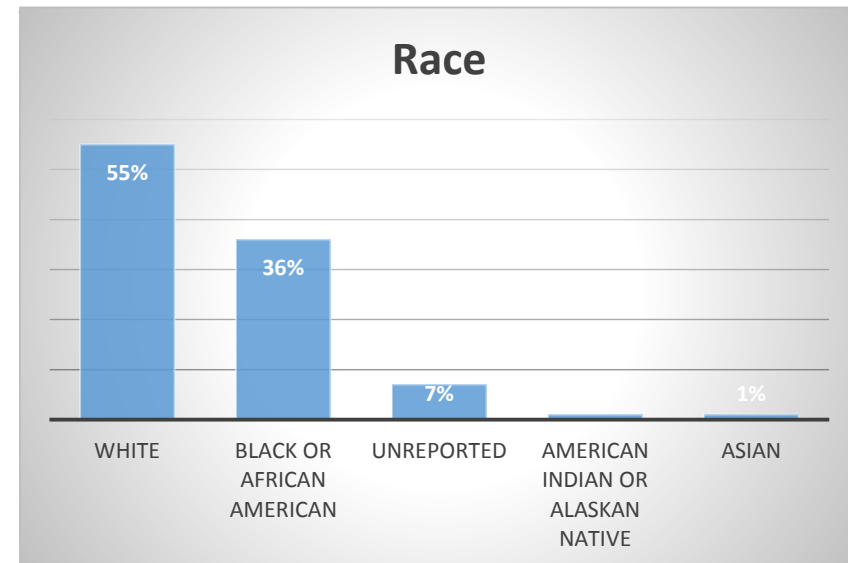
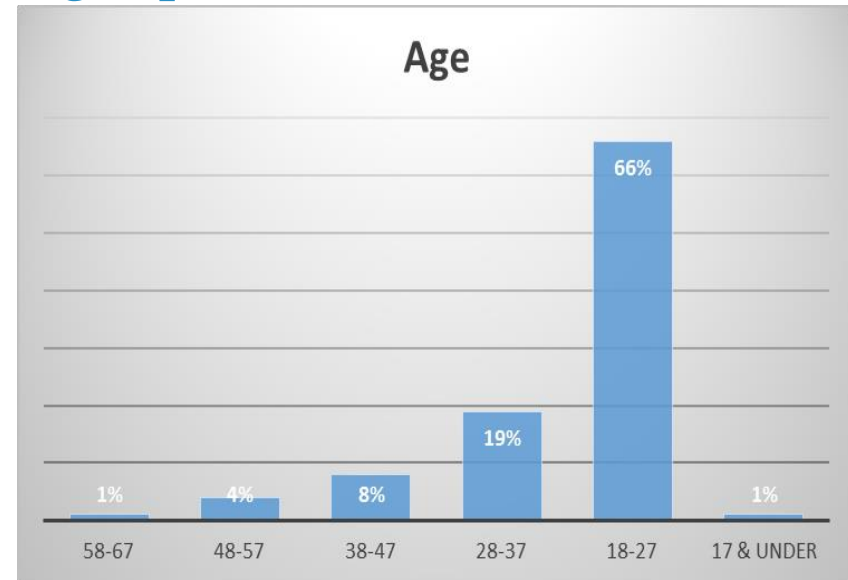
North Carolina Division of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substances Abuse Services as designated by the NC Department of Health and Human Services oversees the development and programming of NC Drug Education School (DES).

- NC G.S. 90-96: Conditional Discharge for First Offense
 - <file:///H:/DES/G.S.%2090-96.htm>
- NC G.S. 90-96.01: Drug education schools; responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Services; fees.
 - http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_90/GS_90-96.01.pdf



Participant Demographics

- There were 3894 participants in Drug Education Schools across the state of North Carolina from July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017.
 - 72% male, 28% female
 - Educational Attainment:
 - 43% -High School Diploma/GED
 - 26% -Some College or Technical School
 - 22% -No Diploma
 - 5% -2 Year College/Associate Degree
 - 3% -4 Year College
 - Marital Status
 - 84% -Single (Never Married)
 - 10% -Married
 - 5% -Divorced
 - 1% -Separated
 - Less than 1% -Widowed



Key Findings

At Intake

- Conviction Data (64% of participants reporting)
 - 58% -possession of a scheduled substance
 - 26% -drug paraphernalia
 - 12% -'other' drug related charges
 - 4% -consuming alcohol while underage
 - Less than 1% -toxic vapors
 - 90% -no prior convictions
- Employment Data
 - 48% -Full-time
 - 23% -Part-time
 - 16% -Unemployed(looking for work during the past 30 days)
 - 13% -Not in the labor force(not seeking work)
 - 2% -Season Employment
 - 1% -Migrant Employment less than
- Referral data
 - 57% -Court/Judge
 - 26% -Probation
 - 15% -Attorney
 - 1% -Self
 - Less than 1% -Parent
 - Less than 1% -Local Management Entity/ Managed Care Organization
 - Less than 1% -School
 - Less than 1% -Other



Key Findings

At Completion of Drug Education School

- 37% of participants were eligible to have their record expunged
- 76% reported the DES program was very helpful in assisting in the decrease usage of illegal drugs
- 59% reported the DES program was very helpful in assisting them to decrease use of alcohol
- 71% reported the DES program was very helpful in increasing their quality of life
- 74% reported the DES program taught them new life skills



DES Participation by County



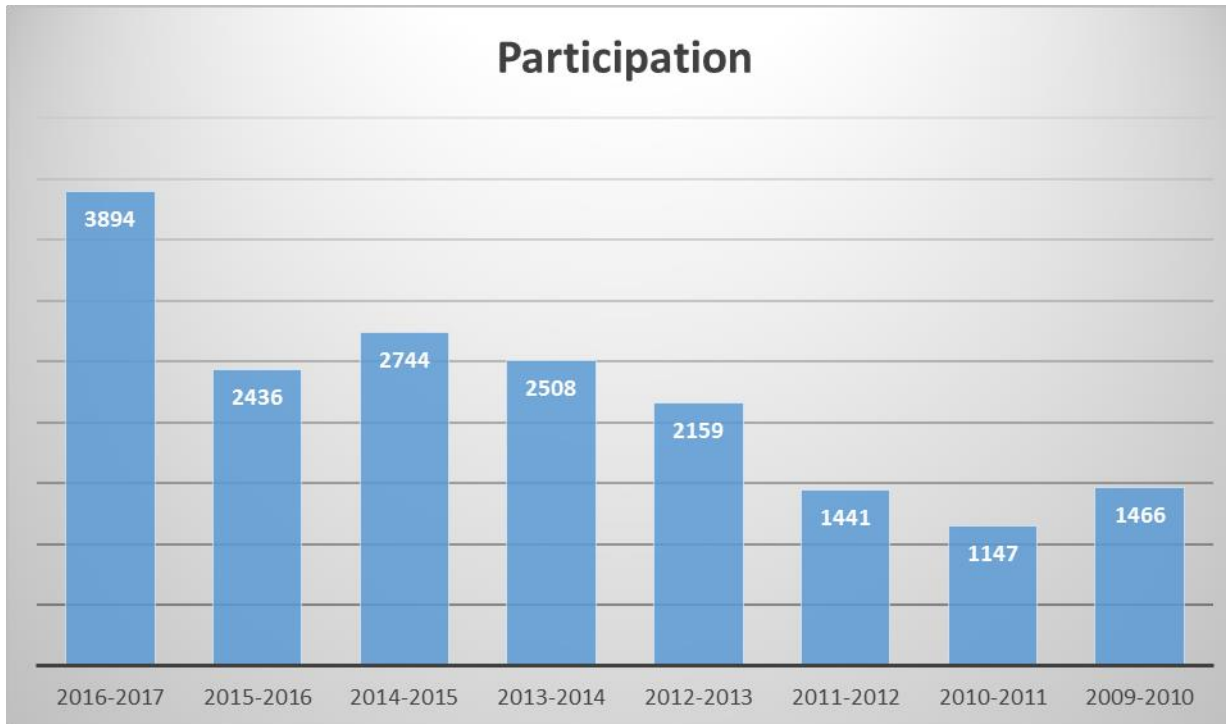
In fiscal year 2016-2017 a total of 95 Drug Education Schools operated in 82 counties across North Carolina. The number and percentage of students served by county is represented in the chart.

There were a total of 21 other counties, not listed, that served less than 1% of DES student population. A listing of current Drug Education Schools can be found at http://ncdes.org/DES_Schools_List_031417.pdf.

County	Number of Students	Percentage
Mecklenburg	644	17%
Gaston	397	10%
Union	315	8%
Forsyth	286	7%
Guilford	261	7%
Durham	215	6%
Cleveland	191	5%
Rowan	185	5%
Pitt	157	4%
Lincoln	129	3%
Alamance	120	3%
Buncombe	103	3%
Cabarrus	93	2%
Davidson	92	2%
New Hanover	91	2%
Rutherford	83	2%
Wilkes	78	2%
Randolph	57	1%
Henderson	54	1%
Moore	44	1%
Iredell	33	1%
Rockingham	32	1%
Yadkin	28	1%
Catawba	23	1%
Davie	21	1%
Montgomery	20	1%
Total:	3752	96%



Trends in Participation



*Justice Reinvestment Act, 2011

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2011/Bills/House/PDF/H642v9.pdf>





- Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and continuing into Fiscal Year 2016-2017; NC Division of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services worked with DES instructors across the state of North Carolina and The Change Companies ® in the development of the new Curriculum.
- April 1, 2017- ‘Go-live’ date for new standardized, evidence based curriculum & on-line database
- 7 Curriculum Instructor Trainings held between January – July 2017
- 148 Instructors trained to deliver the new curriculum

Summary

North Carolina Drug Education School participation has increased over the past six years since the Justice Reinvestment Act; with the exception of a slight decline in FY 2015-2016. Participants have consistently rated DES as very helpful in reducing the use of illegal drugs and consumption of alcohol while increasing participant quality of life and acquisition of new life skills.

The new standardized curriculum is evidence based and listed on the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. It is expected that positive outcomes will increase with the implementation of this curriculum.