



July 13, 2010

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RE: 6-month report for Alcohol Tax Funds

Dear Casey:

The Willow Domestic Violence Center formerly known as Women's Transitional Care Services is filing our six-month report for the 2010 Alcohol Tax Funds.

The first quarter of the year we spent focused on training the new Art Therapist we hired in December of 2009. This focus on training the new staff resulted in a decrease in services. While we are again faced with filling this position, we look forward to a more productive second half of the year and shorter training period for the new staff. In addition, the allocation (\$8,500) for this grant period has been expended.

Please find our attached report and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Terwelp

**Lawrence Special Alcohol Fund
Six-month grantee report
January – June 2010**

a) Goals/objectives

Increase the levels of resilience of children exposed to domestic violence.

Prevent domestic violence and substance abuse.

Children's knowledge of the harmful effects of domestic violence and substance abuse has increased. This increased understanding increases the resilience of the children.

- 96% of the children maintained a high level of non violent communication or showed an increase in non violent communication while participating in art therapy
- 96% of the children who expressed difficulties in handling anger showed an increase in handling anger positively while participating in art therapy groups
- 100% of the children participating in art therapy more than once showed increased self confidence while participating in art therapy
- 100% of the children who completed the drug and alcohol checklist and reviewed the drug and alcohol awareness handouts showed an increase in drug and alcohol awareness.

b) Strategies

Resilience Enhancement Program:

-Individual intervention-Strength Assessment

Safety Plan

Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Awareness

-Group Intervention

A Window for Children

Below is the list of topics and the number of group sessions focused on each topic.

- Domestic violence awareness
- Awareness of harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse
- Increasing coping skills
 - Positive expressions of feelings
 - Decreasing negative expressions of feelings
- Increasing positive social skills
 - Respect for self and others
- Increasing self-esteem and self-confidence

c) Outcomes

1. *100 children ages 4-9 will participate in three weekly expressive art groups with an average of 8 children per session and an expected total of 1152 direct service contacts throughout the year.*

From January to June, WTCS has provided 18 art therapy groups to 20 children resulting in 65 direct service hours.

2. **A Window for Children** *will conduct at least two exhibits for grant year in order to share the children's artwork with the community and enhance community awareness of domestic violence and substance abuse on children.*

The "Rotating Art Exhibit" is displayed year round which includes small art exhibits in several business locations throughout Lawrence. This artwork is rotated periodically.