

# Service to Science

## Process for Classification in New Hampshire

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# Background

NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) recognizes:

- Over the years, many prevention agencies, organizations and practitioners have developed programs independent of large-scale research projects in order to meet the unique needs of their communities
- Federal agencies and other oversight, policy and funding organizations are beginning to require interventions that have been proven successful through research or rigorous evaluation
- There is a need to ensure the utilization of interventions with sound evidence of effectiveness while recognizing the contributions and outcomes of interventions that have been developed within the field of practice rather than research

# Background

The term “Service to Science” is used by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to identify interventions developed by local and community organizations that have yet to establish their efficacy through research and/or rigorous evaluation

New Hampshire’s process is aligned with SAMHSA’s nomination process which was developed to:

- determine the strength of theoretical frameworks used in the development of the intervention
- feasibility of determining and evaluating intermediate outcomes relevant for the intervention’s intended purpose
- address the risk and protective factors and cultural context influencing alcohol and other drug behaviors in New Hampshire

# Expert Panel

The Expert Panel is comprised of 5 professionals from the field of substance misuse prevention evaluation and research.

**William Butynski**, Ph.D., Executive Director (retired), National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)

**Ray Davis**, CPSS, ACPS, CPS, Portsmouth, Rhode Island Prevention Coalition Coordinator

**Nancy Dyer**, MSW, Master Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor, Counseling and Human Relations Center, Plymouth State University

**Sarah Mariani**, CPS, Behavioral Health Administrator, WA State DSHS Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

**Richard Yoast**, Ph.D., (retired), Office of Primary Prevention and Healthy Lifestyles, American Medical Association



# Designation

**Promising Practice:** Programs that are endorsed as a promising practice have demonstrated readiness to conduct a high quality, systematic evaluation. The evaluation includes the collection and reporting of data to determine the effectiveness on indicators highly correlated with reducing or preventing substance misuse. The evaluation may use a pre-post approach, an open-trial model, other quasi- or non-experimental model, or an experimental model. The NH Registry of Interventions for Promising Practices endorsed by the NH Expert Panel are: *Making Changes, Teen Institute Summer Program, NH Life of an Athlete, and Youth Leadership Through Adventure.*

# Designation

**Evidence-Based**: Programs that are endorsed as evidence-based have demonstrated a commitment to refining program protocols and process, and a high quality, systematic evaluation documenting short-term and intermediate outcomes. The NH Registry of Interventions for Evidence-Based Practices endorsed by the NH Expert Panel are: *Take Control* and *One Voice Youth to Youth*. Media Power Youth is another New Hampshire evidence-based program and is also NH's first recognized program listed on the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices ([NREPP](#)).



# Applicants

NAME	STATUS	DATE OF LAST CHECK IN
Making Change	Endorsed as a promising practice on 1/14/2011	
NH Teen Institute Summer Leadership Program	Endorsed as a promising practice on July 13, 2012.	April, 2013
ONE Voice Youth Empowerment Model	Endorsed as a promising practice on April 12, 2013 Endorsed as an evidence based practice in 2013	September 19, 2013
Take Control	Endorsed as a promising practice on October 12, 2012 Endorsed as an evidence based practice in 2013	October, 2013
Youth Leadership Through Adventure	Endorsed as a promising practice on April 10, 2015.	November, 2015
Project Safegaurd	Not endorsed according to the website - but they did complete an application form	November, 2013
Prevention, Enforcement, and Treatment	Presented to Service to Science, which suggested considerations for program design and for program evaluation. If followed then PET will be better positioned for endorsement.	November 2015
Life of an Athlete	Endorsed as a promising practice on December 12th, 2014 Submitting for designation as evidence-based in September 2017	May 2017

# Application

All application information and forms are available at:

<http://nhcenterforexcellence.org/resources/best-practices/>





# Teen Institute



# Questions

