## Project Awareness History

In 1970, the Sioux Falls School District, Court Services, and PTA joined forces to create "Project Awareness" prevention education.

Project Awareness was one of the first eight federally funded prevention programs in the United States. The Project Awareness Counselors were trained in Berkely, CA and originally operated a "drop-in" house in Sioux Falls.

In 1985, Project Awareness merged with Carroll Institute and enabled the full capacity for prevention services in the Sioux Empire. Today our counselors meet the specific needs of the communities and schools.

Project Awareness Prevention is here for all your substance use and bully prevention needs. We are contracted with area schools to enhance services already being provided as well as fill a unique need not easily filled by other entities.



All of our counselors are either certified, licensed, or under supervision to become addiction counselors. In addition, they have varying backgrounds in prevention, school counseling, and mental health counseling.







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### Project Awareness Prevention Program





# Services Available in Contracted Schools

CLASSROOM PREVENTION EDUCATION
PROVIDED THROUGH THE USE OF EVIDENCE
BASED CURRICULUMS

Curriculums Address:
Bullying
Substance Abuse
Decision Making Skills
Goal Setting
Emotion Management
Social Skills and Relationship Building
Peer Pressure Refusal Skills

#### SUBSTANCE USE SCREENINGS/ASSESSMENTS

These are provided to students struggling with substance use. Students may be referred by school staff, parents, probation, court systems, or they can reach out themselves if they are struggling.

#### **SADD & TATU GROUPS**

SADD- Students Against Destructive Decisions.
These students work to influence their peers to make healthy choices through activities, flyers, displays and other means.

TATU-Teens Against Tobacco Use.
These students are trained to provide tobacco and vaping prevention to younger students.

#### **INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS**

Sessions for students struggling with their substance use or the substance use of a family member or friend. They can also provide one on one prevention skills.

#### **SMALL GROUPS**

Groups for students with a goal of working in a common area to improve skills.

### OTHER SERVICES AS REQUESTED

Assemblies,
Bulletin Boards,
Parent/Community Educational Flyers,
Parent/Teacher Conferences, Etc.



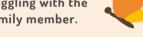
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#### **LEVEL 1.0 SERVICES**

Group that meets at Carroll Institute for students ages 14-18 that have been screened and assessed and recommended Level 1.0. Must have a substance use diagnosis outside of tobacco.

#### **ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM GROUP**

Group that meets at Carroll Institute for students ages 8-17 struggling with the substance use of a family member.



#### DIVERSION

Serves adolescents 18-20 that have been screened or assessed and recommended to a 12 hour prevention course.

#### THREAT ASSESSMENTS

Service for adolescents that have been referred by school or law enforcement that have made a threat of violence or carried a weapon.