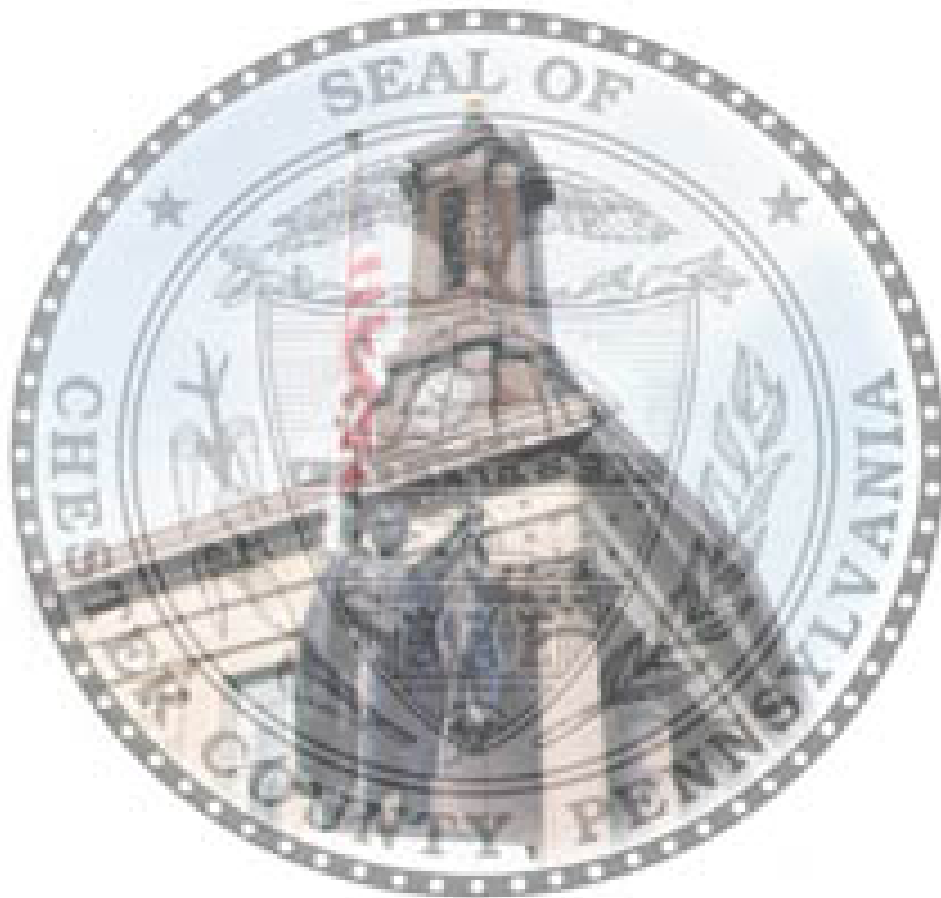


CHESTER COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES



**ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2007/08**

Chester County

Department of Drug and Alcohol Services

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VISION

Promote alcohol and other drug policies and programs that improve the quality of life and reflect the cultural and economic diversity of the community.

MISSION

Ensure that quality alcohol and other drug intervention and treatment, as well as alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention programs are provided for citizens in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

GOALS

The service delivery system for county residents has been designed to provide comprehensive and accessible care for both adolescents and adults in need of treatment or intervention services and assistance to communities trying to prevent addiction. There are several overriding goals that the Department tries to achieve in the design and delivery of prevention, intervention, case management, and treatment services as listed below:

- Assist communities in becoming their own change agents.
- Increase community recognition of alcohol and tobacco as drugs.
- Prevent the continuation of intergenerational family dysfunction due to substance abuse.
- Promote understanding of the disease concept and the hereditary risk factors associated with addiction.
- Assist clients in creating self-sufficient lives.
- Continuously evaluate the services provided to insure that they are accessible, high quality, effective, cost-efficient and best meet the needs of the citizens of Chester County.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Services was established by the Chester County Commissioners as a Public Executive Commission. The Department serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for Chester County, responsible for the planning, coordination, and administration of community alcohol and other drug prevention, intervention, and treatment services. The Department also provides case management services.

The work of the Department is accomplished with the assistance of the Chester County Advisory Board, whose members are appointed by the Commissioners. Members are community volunteers who advise the Department on community needs, planning and management of resources and services. FY 2007/08 Advisory Board membership was:

Jeffrey Toalton, Chairperson	Douglas J. Dunne
Bradley Warren, Secretary	Holly W. Acosta
Elizabeth Anne Redmond	Andrew Bruton
Michele Lee Reed	Donald Folks
Norman J. Pine, II	Mary J. Lyness
Elizabeth Walls, Ex-Officio	
Angela Linden, Provider Representative	

The three (3) person Board of Commissioners is the governing entity responsible for oversight of the Department. The 2008 Chairperson of the County Commissioners is Carol Aichele. The Department is part of Chester County's human services departments, overseen by Human Services Director, Ruth Kranz-Carl.

The majority of prevention, intervention and treatment services are provided via subcontracts developed and monitored by the Department. The Department also conducts regular needs assessments and develops plans for services.

In addition to planning and administrative activities the Department also provides some direct case management and prevention services. Case management services include initial assessment for incarcerated individuals, ongoing case management for all residential clients, and intensive case management services for high need clients. Prevention services include, but are not limited to, information dissemination and environmental strategies. The staff of the Department is:

Kim P. Bowman, Executive Director
Vince H. Brown, Deputy Director

Administrative Unit

Linda Morris Zonetti, Fiscal Director
Geri Thomas, Administrative Officer
Meg Polvino, Prevention Program Specialist
Cathy Vaul, Program Representative
Todd Bender, Program Representative
Sharon Ingraham, Fiscal Officer
Mary Jo Nickel, Fiscal Technician
Betty Wade, Administrative Assistant
Gloria Anderson, Secretary

Case Management Unit

Jamie Johnson, Case Mgmt. Supervisor
Kate Blonsky, Case Manager
Rebecca Harkins, Case Manager
Crystal Robertson, Case Manager
Stephen Hatzai, Case Manager
Lee Edmonds, Secretary
Sheila Thomas, Secretary
Karen Strojan, Program Specialist

Department Accomplishments

In addition to the ongoing management of a prevention, intervention and treatment system for Chester County the Department accomplished the following:

- ❖ Applied for and received a Restrictive Intermediate Punishment program grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in partnership with the Chester County Treatment Court. The program was successfully implemented in October 2007.
- ❖ In partnership with Chester County Mental Health and our HealthChoices program, implemented an ongoing workgroup comprised of Chester County core drug and alcohol and mental health providers to improve services to individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.
- ❖ Participated in Town Hall meetings on underage drinking in four (4) Chester County communities.
- ❖ In partnership with our Treatment Court, applied for a SAMHSA Drug Court Enhancement grant.
- ❖ Conducted the Youth Survey in all Chester County school districts and two (2) vocational technical schools. Survey provides us with important planning and monitoring information regarding youth substance use, other unhealthy youth behaviors and the risk and protective factors our youth experience.
- ❖ In partnership with two (2) local community coalitions, applied for a Strategic Prevention Framework grant from Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- ❖ Increased Case Management activity with criminal justice clients, including a 23% increase in assessments conducted at the prison, as well as increased Case Management activity within Chester County's Treatment Court with the implementation of the Restrictive Intermediate Punishment program.
- ❖ Department staff continued to be actively involved in a variety of cross-system initiatives including, but not limited to, Integrated Children's Services, Local Housing Options Team and HealthChoices Management...
- ❖ Executive Director received Pennsylvania Recovery Organization Alliance Advocate of the Year award.

SCA Case Management System

Striving to insure ease of access, Chester County has a decentralized system for entry to funded treatment, regardless of level of care needed. The primary points of entry for funded treatment are our five (5) subcontracted outpatient providers located in Coatesville, Exton, Kennett Square, Phoenixville and West Chester. Each of these providers will screen for emergent needs upon initial contact and then see the individual within 5 days to conduct an assessment to determine, with the individual, the type of treatment (level of care) most appropriate.

For those individuals in need of residential treatment, the program will work with our Case Management Unit to determine the most appropriate program and arrange for treatment funding. Following admission to residential treatment, our Case Management Unit will follow the individual to assist with case management needs and insure continuity of care.

In addition to entry via our outpatient providers, individuals can be assessed at the Chester County Prison and Chester County Youth Center. For individuals in need of emergency care, detoxification admission can happen prior to assessment as appropriate. While in detox the individual will be assessed to determine the appropriate treatment referral.

Need for funded treatment routinely exceeds available resources. As a result, the Department limits the number of residential treatment episodes we will fund. When, during the course of a fiscal year residential funding is exhausted, the Department establishes a waiting list that is maintained in our Case Management Unit. Outpatient services historically always remain available.

Client Demographics

SPECIAL POPULATIONS AND SERVICES: The following charts reflect funded clients served in the county contracted system of care during each fiscal year.

Injection Drug Users (IDUs):

Fiscal Year	Funded Clients Served	Funded IDUs Served	% of Funded Clients Served
99/00	2,614	109	4%
01/02	2,731	109	4%
03/04	2,403	126	5%
05/06	2,425	151	6%
07/08	2,195	136	6%

Pregnant Women/Women with Dependent Children:

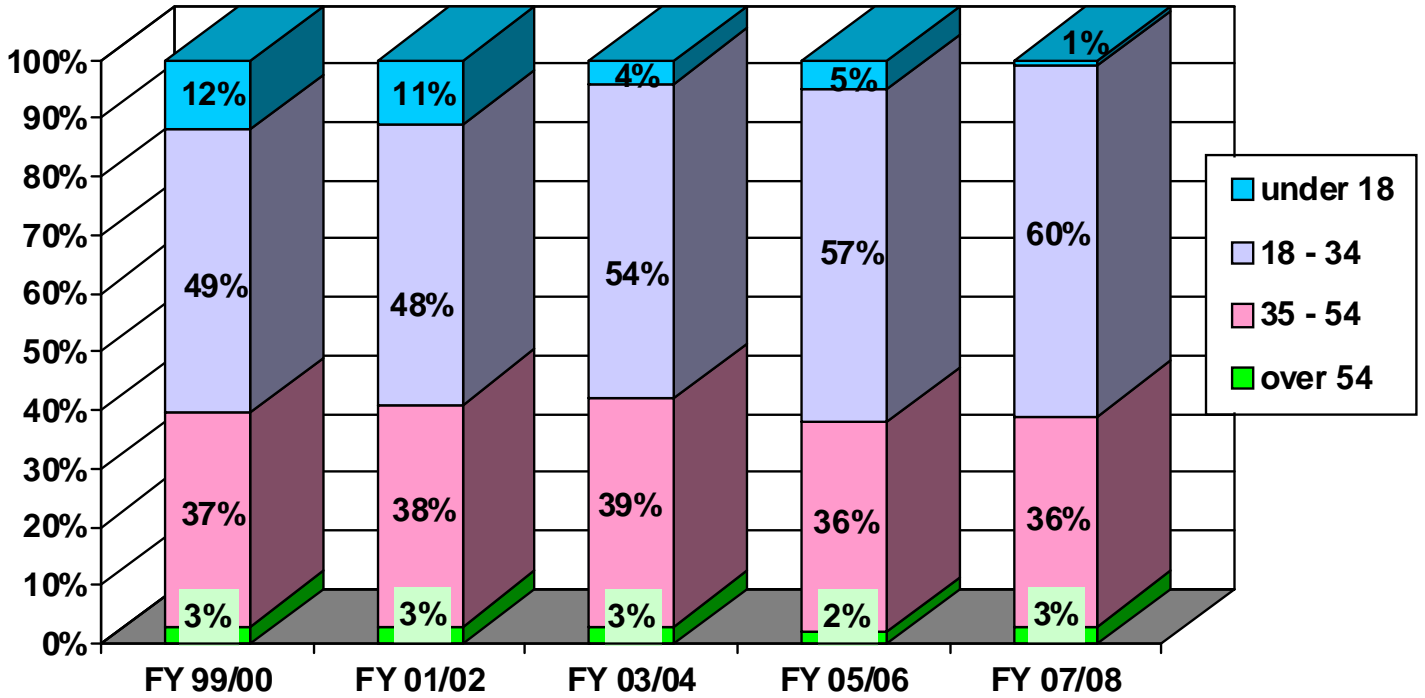
Fiscal Year	Total Funded Served	Women Served	% of Total Funded Served	Pregnant, Parenting Served	% of Women Served
99/00	2,614	710	27%	280	39%
01/02	2,731	904	33%	163	18%
03/04	2,403	781	33%	89	11%
05/06	2,425	883	36%	102	12%
07/08	2,195	829	38%	98	12%

Charts:

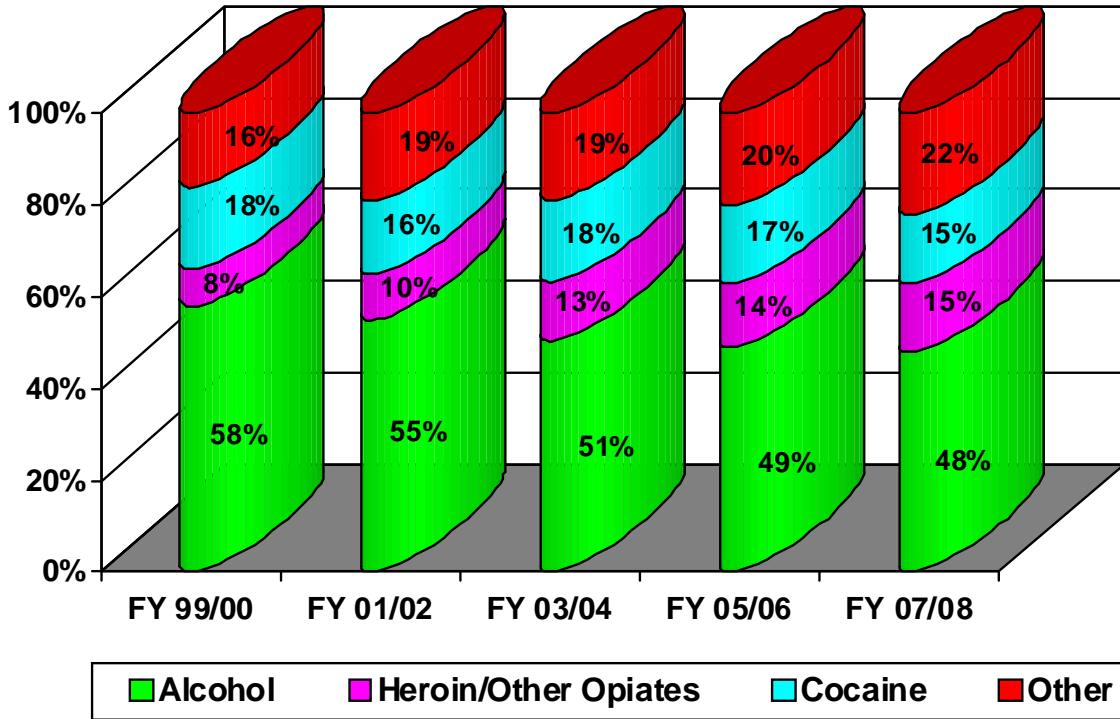
The charts on the following pages illustrate the overall demographic nature of the clients treated in county funded programs. The data includes all clients funded in outpatient/intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization and residential treatment providers (e.g. detoxification, rehab, and halfway house).

The following charts reflect all clients admitted to funded treatment during each fiscal year. The client count is unduplicated within each activity (i.e., outpatient, residential).

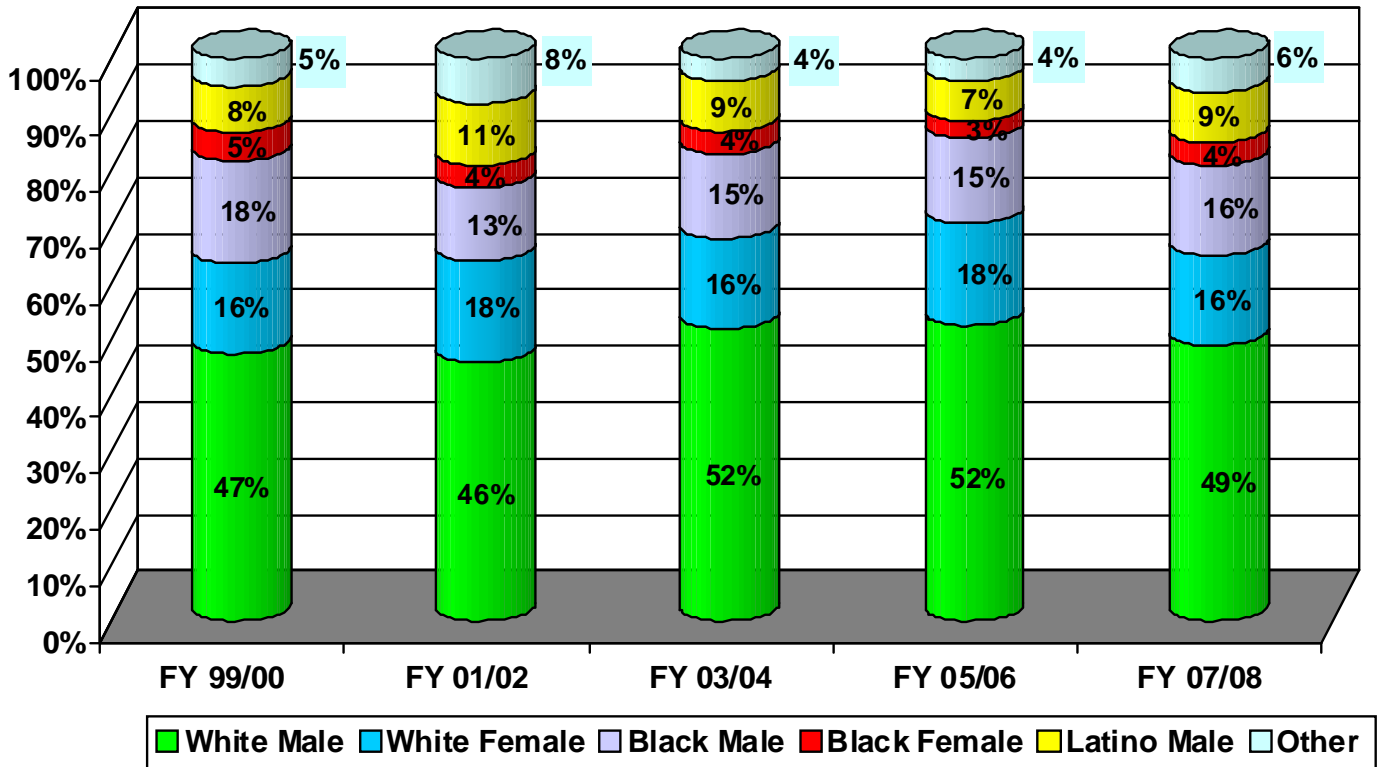
Age Over Time



Primary Drug at Admission



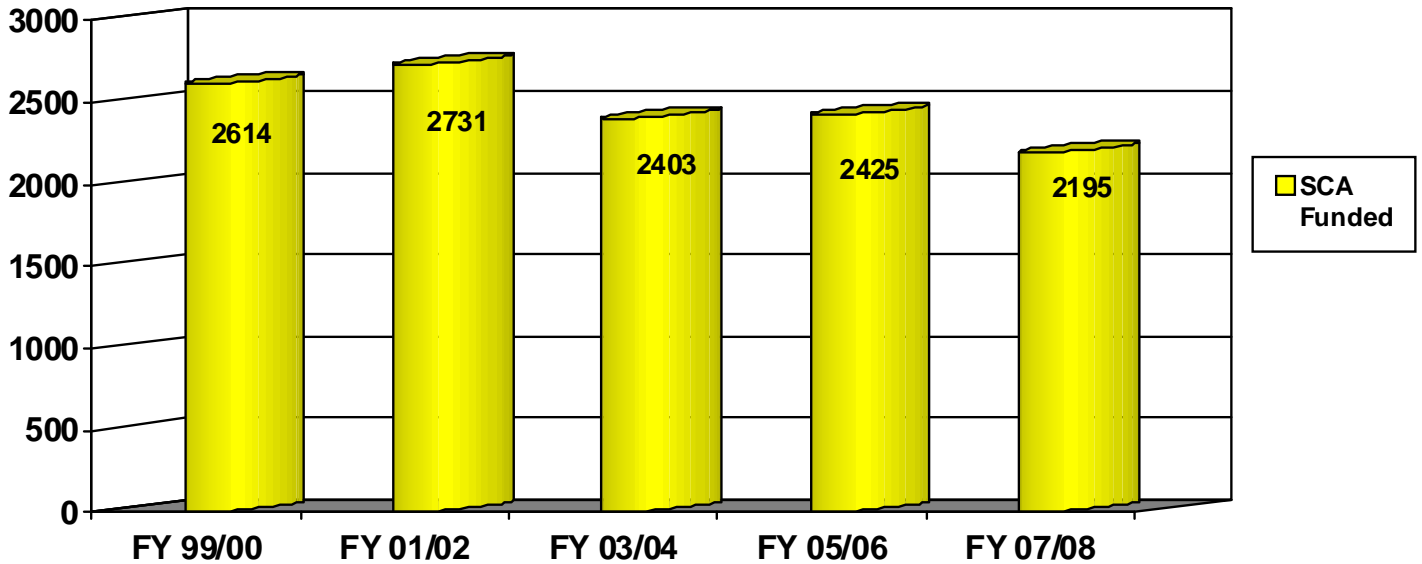
Gender and Race/Ethnicity of Clients



The following charts reflect the total number of individuals funded during the fiscal year. This would include all those in treatment at the beginning of the period, plus those admitted.

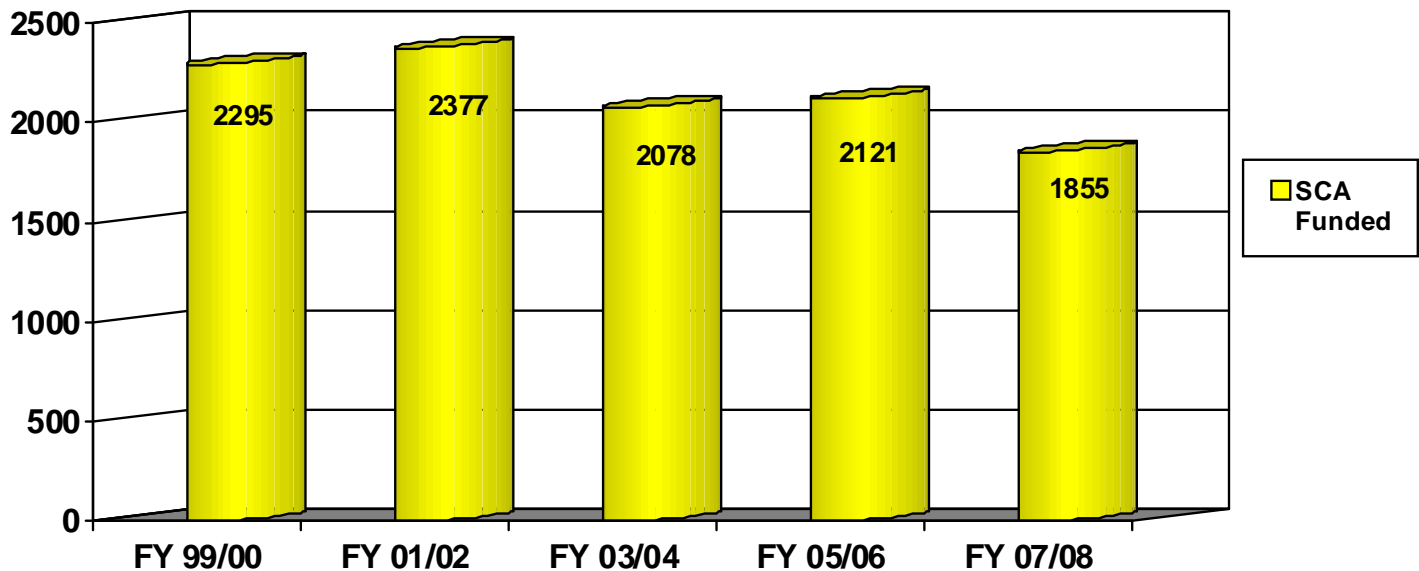
Total Treatment Clients: A total of 2,195 unduplicated treatment clients were funded by the SCA during fiscal year 2007/08.

Total Treatment Clients FY 99/00 - 07/08 (Unduplicated)



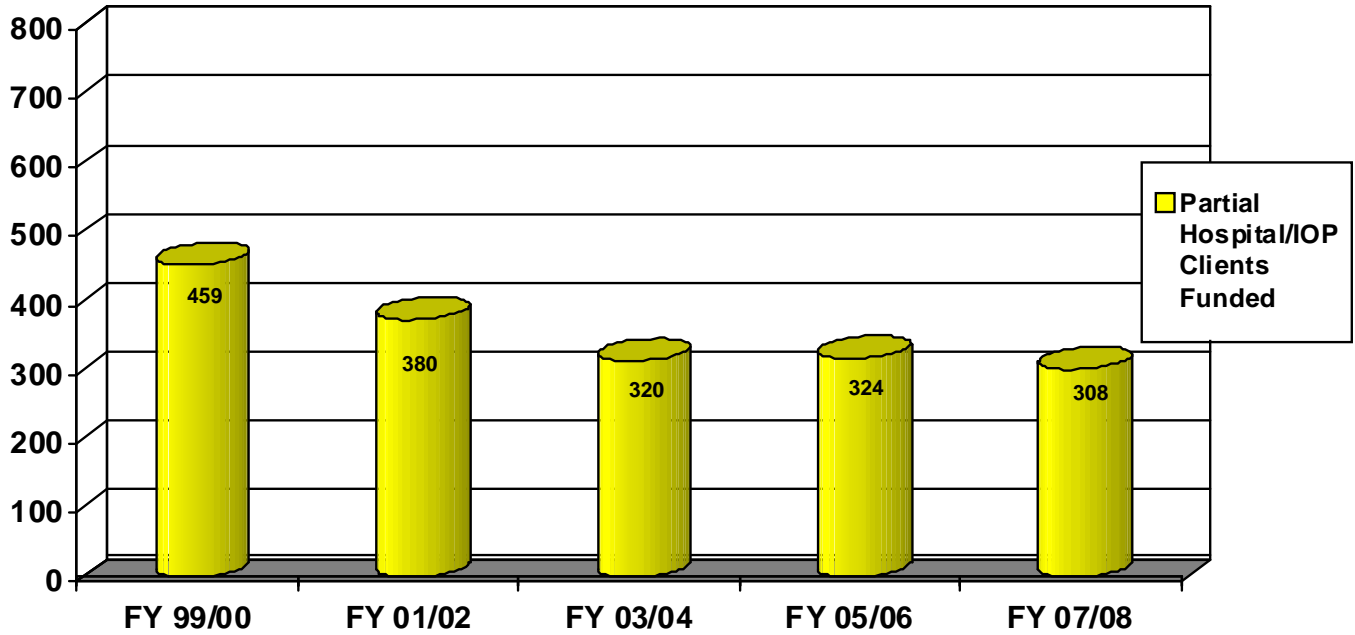
Outpatient: 1,855 clients were funded in the county contracted outpatient system of care during fiscal year 2007/08.

Outpatient Clients FY 99/00 - 07/08 (Unduplicated)



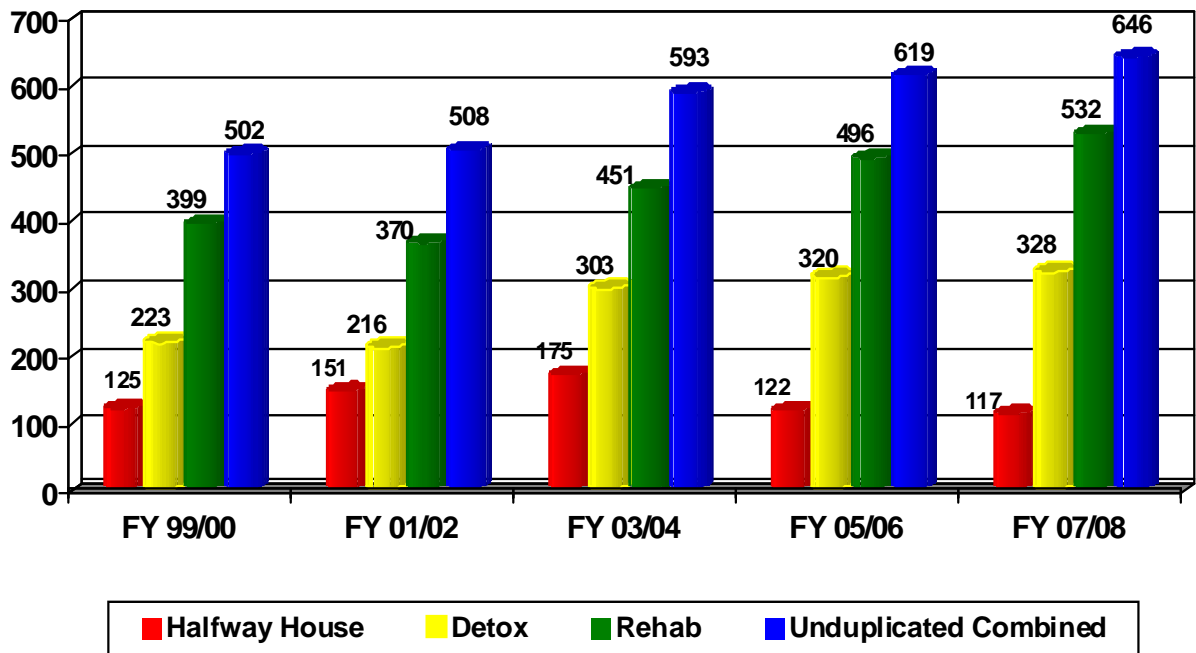
Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient: 308 clients were funded in the county contracted partial system of care during fiscal year 2007/08.

Partial Hospital / IOP Clients FY 99/00 - 07/08 (Unduplicated)



Residential: A total of 646 unduplicated citizens participated in SCA funded residential treatment services during fiscal year 2007/08.

Residential Services Over Time



Referral Source: 2,467 unduplicated clients were referred to the county treatment system of care during fiscal year 2007/08.

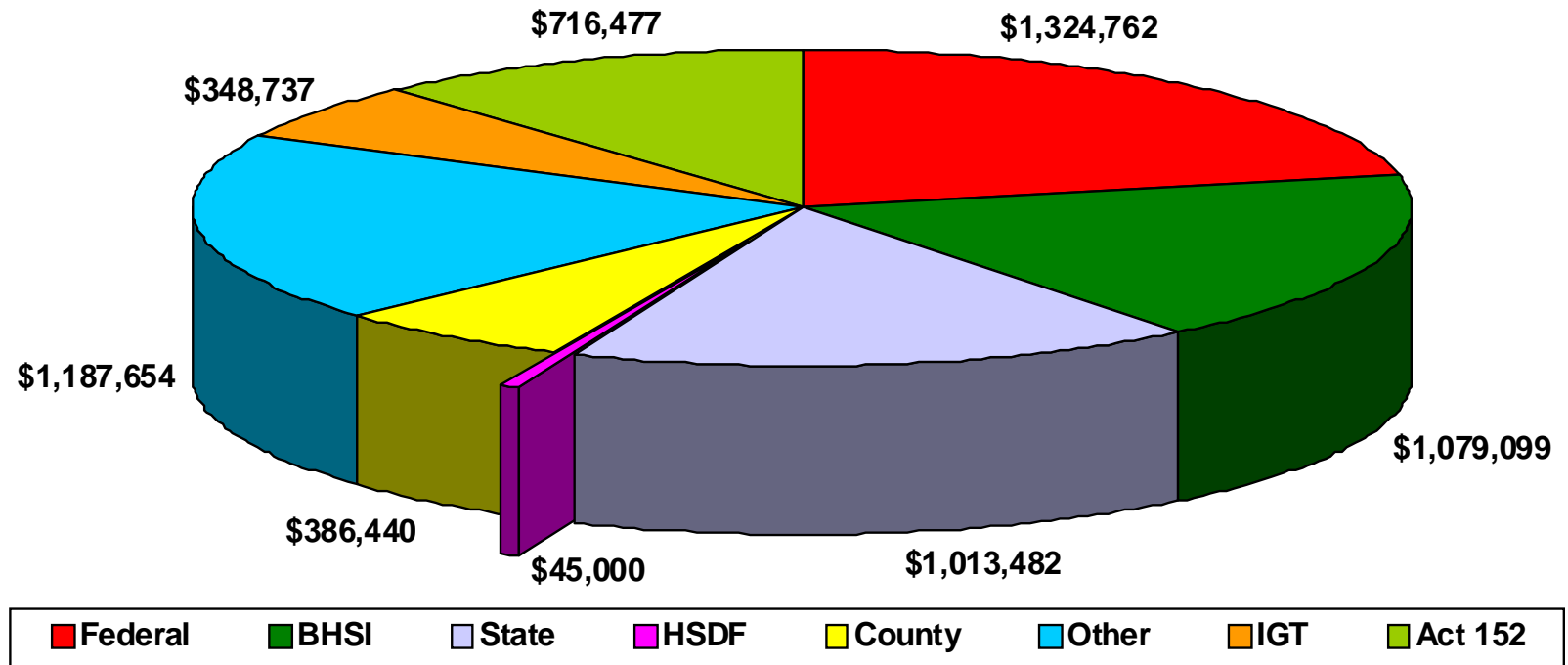
Description	Count (Unduplicated)
D&A Abuse Provider	250
Self	450
Community Service Agency	333
Other Voluntary	82
Hospital/Physician	70
County Probation/Parole	871
State/Federal Probation/Parole	96
Court (Judge)	140
Other Non-Voluntary	125
Diversion Programs	50

FISCAL INFORMATION

Total Revenue for the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services for fiscal year 2007/08 was \$6,101,651. Revenue Sources included federal funding streams, PA Department of Public Welfare funding, PA Department of Health State Base, Human Services Development Fund (HSDF), Chester County matching funds, and other miscellaneous sources, such as DUI fines, Act 198 funds, HealthChoices, Drug Court, etc.

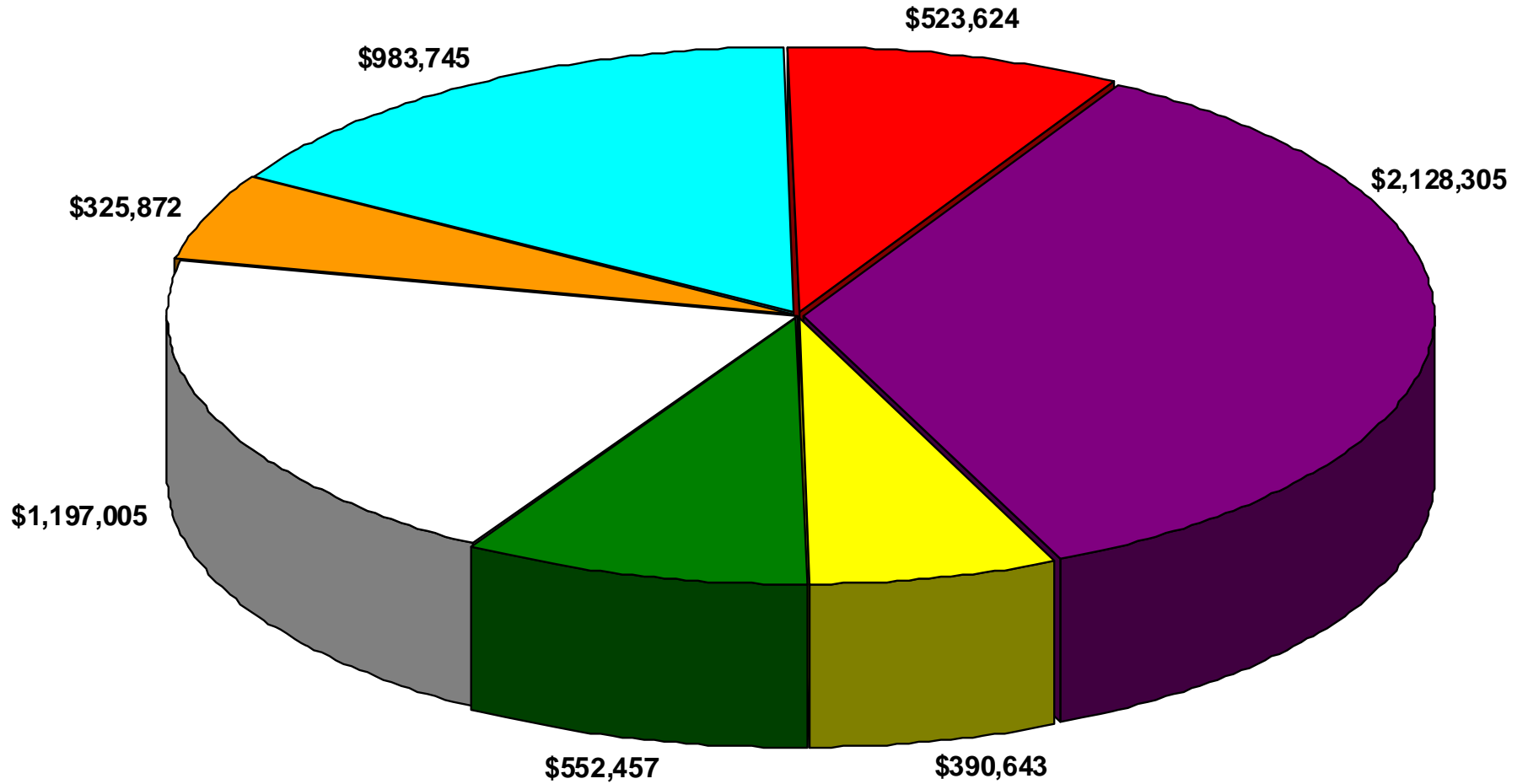
A Chart showing the breakdown of these funding sources can be found below.

Total Revenue FY 2007/08 - \$6,101,651



Total Expenditures Fiscal Year 2007/08

\$6,101,651



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*Carol Aichele, Chairperson
Terence Farrell
Kathi Cozzone*

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