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## How it works

CASASTART<sup>sm</sup> uses a positive youth development framework and uses social workers to provide and coordinate services to counteract the various factors that make children vulnerable to substance abuse and juvenile delinquency.

The service categories are:

- \* Case Management
- \* Social support
- \* Family services
- \* Education services
- \* After-School and summer activities
- \* Mentoring
- \* Incentives
- \* Community policing/enhanced enforcement
- \* Juvenile justice intervention when appropriate

All of the children receive all of the services, except juvenile justice services if they are not involved with the law.

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## Project COPE

Communities that Care

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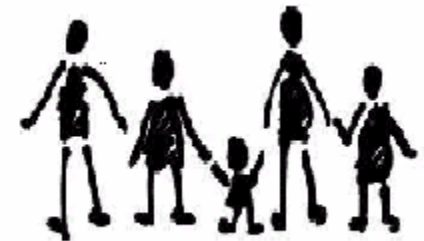
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CASASTART<sup>sm</sup> (Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows) is a community based, school-centered substance abuse and violence prevention program developed by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University.

CASASTART<sup>sm</sup> is a preventative program for children ages 8 to 11 years old and their families, run in collaboration with Family & Children's Service of Greater Lynn, Project Cope, Communities that Care, and the City of Lynn, Health Division.

CASASTART's<sup>sm</sup> goals are to provide youth and their families with the services and support they need to grow as positive citizens within their community.



## Who are we looking for?

Children ages 8 to 11 years old who display at least four risk factors are eligible to be involved in the CASASTART<sup>sm</sup> program.

Risk factors include at least two school related risk factors, one family risk factor, and one personal risk factor.

- \* **School risk:** Poor grades, enrollment in special education curriculum, grade retention, truancy, chronic tardiness, and weapons or substance possession.
- \* **Family risk:** Family violence; family member involved in gangs, drug use and/or sales or with a criminal conviction within the past 5 years; and extreme poverty.
- \* **Personal risk:** Youth with a family member involved in or suspected of drug use or sales, history of involvement with the criminal justice system, gang membership, or weapon possessions. In addition, a youth with a history of child maltreatment, emotional issues, living in a dangerous neighborhood, and presenting with early risky behaviors.

## Benefits

Children have improved in attachment with positive individuals and institutions. Decreased bonds to deviant norms and groups. Increased opportunities to achieve positive goals.

CASASTART<sup>sm</sup> children are *less* likely to:

- \* Use gateway and stronger drugs
- \* Be involved in drug trafficking
- \* Commit violent offenses
- \* Be negatively influenced by peers or associate with delinquent peers

Children are *more* likely to be promoted to the next grade in school.



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