

New Drug Trends

- UN Global Survey > increase in abuse, trafficking & production "World Wide"
- - severe health consequences (major and cumulative – psychosis, Alzheimer- type)
- "Era of Synthetic Drugs" – Cocaine & Heroin are limited by geography and climate, ATS can be produced anywhere
- Why? - low costs, high profits, easy access to chemicals, no deterrent as most penalties are Schedule III

Trends impacting BC

- United Nations > “There are more chemical drug users worldwide than all the Cocaine and Heroin users combined”
- Increase in Meth labs (Economic)
- Increase in Ecstasy labs (Economic)
- Increase in Chemical Drug use/seizures
- Increase in Chemical Drug associated crime
 - **Methamphetamine – Vehicle/Identity theft**
 - **GHB, MDMA, Ketamine – DFSA, Sex assaults, Sex Exploitation**

Impact – Is This What We Want?

- Increase in petty crime, violent crime
- Housing \$ decrease, business \$ decrease,
- Health Care, resources, wait times
- Social Services, 1st Response Agencies
- Youth, school, addiction, OD, DEC
- Frustration, Burn out, Safety, Injury
- Organized Crime - \$ laundering, corruption

Impact – Is This What We Want?

- Increase in public fear, paranoia, frustration
- Tourism - affected/targeted
- Family – relationships, dysfunctional
- Increase in taxes, insurance, hydro
- Homelessness, Mentally Ill & Addiction
- Justice System
- Strain on community services/NGO agencies
- 100% of the community impacted

Consequences of Use?

Trends for 2008

- Alcohol – binge drinking, pass out, DUI, fights, sickness, miss work, miss school
- Marijuana – use at all time high in BC
- Violence – fights, shootings, abuse in relationships
- Sex – Assaults, DFSA, Exploitation, Unwanted Pregnancy, STI, HIV

STREET & PARTY DRUGS

- MDMA / MDA
- MDE / 2C-B
- MMDA
- GHB
- CRYSTAL METH
- PCP / KETAMINE
- LSD / PSYLOCYBIN
- CANNABIS
- COCAINE
- HEROIN
- DMT / TMA – 2

- Alcohol / Tobacco
- Opiates (Oxy)
- DXM
- Legal Psychoactives
- Nitrous Oxide
- Amyl Nitrate
- BZP, mCPP
- Foxy / AMT /
- 2C – I, 2C-T-2

Challenges

- Lack of awareness regarding the drugs used and their effects
- Chemical drugs / Club drugs use on the rise – now are street drugs
- Sexual Assault related drugs used more and more **intentionally** –not always unintentional
- Age at first use is younger and younger

Implicated Drugs

Rave / Club / Date Scene

■ *Enabler*

- Alcohol
- GHB
- Crystal Meth
- MDMA/
Ecstasy

■ *Disabler*

- Alcohol
- GHB
- Ketamine
- Rohypnol
(sleeping pills)

Imminent Challenges

- Organized Crime
- Vancouver Downtown Eastside
- Public Attitudes
 - Prevention
 - Treatment
 - Justice System
- Pro-legalization movement

Policing Choices

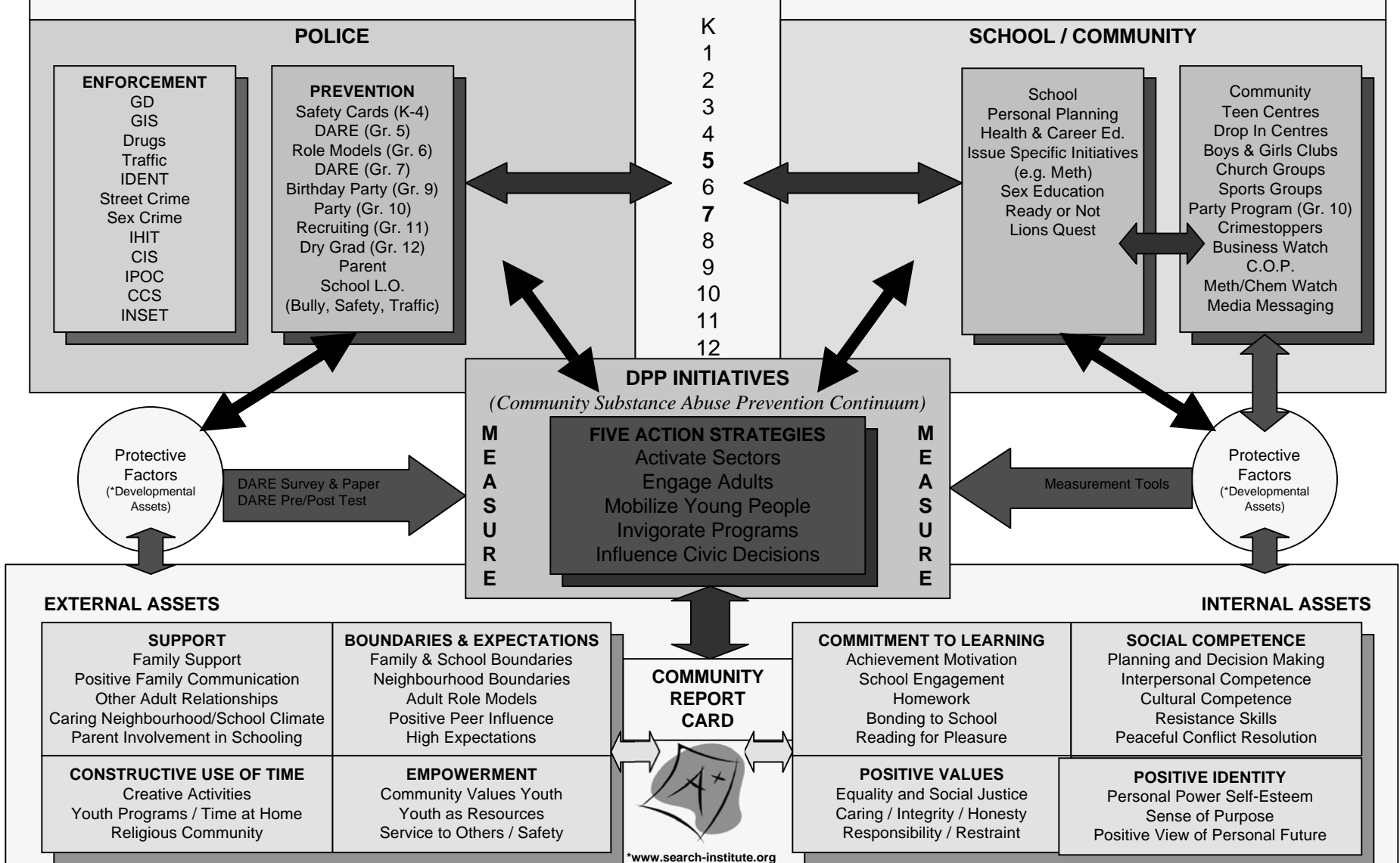
- Status quo - enforcement only
.... continued frustration
- Education, Awareness , Prevention
...start to create some change .
- Mobilize the community.
... the Police do not have to solve it all.

Social & Legal Responsibility

- Prevention (primary, secondary, tertiary)
- Criteria; Consistent, Comprehensive and Continuous
- Focus – primary prevention > develops protective factors that reduce high-risk behaviour – i.e. substance abuse, violence, bullying

“E” Division Drug Prevention Strategy

(Prepared by Drugs & Organized Crime Awareness Service – 2007-01-24)



MORE ASSETS = LESS DRUG USE, LESS HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOUR & VIOLENCE / DRUG PREVENTION = CRIME REDUCTION!

The foundation...



D.A.R.E.

Grade 5

Define, Assess, Respond, Evaluate

Grade 7

Responsible, Respectful, Realistic

