

# RAPPAHANNOCK AREA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

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## ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2018

### July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

**Proudly serving City of Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania,**

**King George and Caroline Counties**

## ABOUT US:

The Rappahannock Area Alcohol Safety Action Program (RAASAP) is a criminal justice system that provides assessment, intervention placement and monitoring for persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving Under Influence of Drugs (DUID), Boating Under the Influence (BUI), and misdemeanor alcohol/drug offenses.

The program, funded entirely by client fees, has five full-time employees, four part-time employees, and six education facilitators. Fiscal services are contracted to the accounting agency Hodges Business Services. RAASAP is certified by the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Commission, operates autonomously and is governed by a seven-member Policy Board. The RAASAP Policy Board is represented by a member of each of our servicing localities and two members at-large.

## REMARKS FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Throughout Fiscal Year 2018, the RAASAP office continued to carry out our mission to combat the problem of driving under the influence. The RAASAP office had a successful year in our prevention programs. Our prevention program was presented forty-nine (49) times within our area's local middle and high schools. The RAASAP office continued to provide efficient case management for our clients. This report reflects upon the operations of the RAASAP office in various component areas over the past fiscal year.

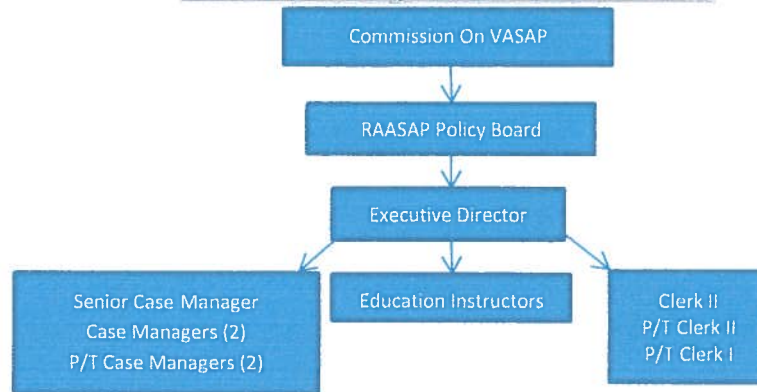
*Sincerely,  
Kevin Ortegel  
RAASAP Director*

## OUR MISSION:

Improve highway transportation safety by decreasing the incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs leading to the reduction of alcohol and other drug-related crashes through:

- **Enforcement**
- **Adjudication**
- **Case Management and Offender Intervention**
- **Public Information and Education**
- **Evaluation & Certification**

## RAASAP Organization Chart



## POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

### Chairman

Andrew Cornick, Attorney-City of Fredericksburg Representative

### Vice Chairman

Terry Southworth, Caroline County Clerk's Office - Caroline County Representative

### Treasurer

Carol Harris, Former RAASAP Director - Spotsylvania County Representative

Cpt. Joe Crowder, Caroline Sheriff's Department - Member at-large

Keri Gusmann, King George County Commonwealth's Attorney - King George County Representative

Travis Bird, Spotsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney - Member at-large

Felix Addo, Stafford County Schools - Stafford County Representative

## STAFF MEMBERS

Kevin Ortegel - Executive Director

Barbara VanSchoor - Senior Case Manager

Kevin Johnson - Case Manager

Mary Tressa - Case Manager

Dinah Taylor - P/T Case Manager

Melissa Fife - P/T Case Manager

Alicia Kline - Clerk II

Crystal Martin - P/T Clerk II

Liz Reed - P/T Clerk I

Alison Bareford - Group Instructor

Leonard Cascio - Group Instructor

Jacqueline Devore, CSAC - Group Instructor

Steven Devore - Group Instructor

Mike Fariss - Group Instructor

Henry Griffin - Group Instructor

## ENFORCEMENT COMPONENT #1

Rappahannock Area ASAP serves as a resource to law enforcement agencies to provide information and training in the early detection and apprehension of DUI offenders.

Activities:

- Lieutenant Joseph Crowder for the Caroline County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Rappahannock Area ASAP Policy Board
- Rappahannock Area ASAP financially contributed to the MADD Chapter's Annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony recognizing local officers

## ADJUDICATION COMPONENT #2

Rappahannock Area ASAP, as an extension of the court, provides such services as required by the court. The program staff will work closely with the courts to ensure effective and efficient flow of offenders between the two areas.

Activities:

- Distributed DUI consequences to Judges and Clerks of Court
- RAASAP and the Fredericksburg General District Court have come together to initiate the first DUI Court program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Fredericksburg DUI Court is modeled after the "Drug Court" concept, coordinating substance abuse intervention with direct judicial support and imposing immediate sanctions for probationer's behavior throughout probation. RAASAP has provided the operations manual, substance abuse assessment, coordination of intervention services and case management services for operations of the DUI Court. The first DUI Court referrals began on 05/1999 from Fredericksburg General District Court. The DUI Court expanded in 7/2001, to incorporate referrals from Spotsylvania General District Court and again in 07/2005, to incorporate referrals from Stafford General District Court. The DUI Court format was expanded to King George General District Court in 01/2013.

## EVALUATION COMPONENT #3

Rappahannock Area ASAP maintains a standard of excellence in its policies and processes and reviews its performance in those areas on a regular and ongoing basis. Every attempt shall be made to evaluate effectiveness of the program's efforts both on a local level and as part of the state VASAP system.

- Program evaluations completed at the end of each class.
- Case audits are performed on an ongoing basis.
- File audits are performed on each case.
- Quality assurance reviews are completed on each case upon completion of the intake. The classification and intervention placement are reviewed for accuracy. Care is taken to insure the computer data is entered properly and hard files are organized accordingly.
- Rappahannock Area ASAP staff evaluations held annually.
- Rappahannock Area ASAP retained certification from the Commission On VASAP on April 17, 2018.

## CASE MANAGEMENT AND INTERVENTION COMPONENT #4

### Probation Supervision

In FY 2018, one thousand, nine hundred and forty-seven (1,947) participants were referred to the Rappahannock Area ASAP for probation supervision. The offenses included Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Boating Under the Influence (BUI), alcohol-related reckless driving, driving after illegal consumption, misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses, young offenders, drug offenders, and habitual/DUI 3rd offenders restored to restricted license privilege.

### Classification

All participants referred to the Rappahannock Area ASAP for supervision are screened individually by the Commission on VASAP established guidelines. Participants are assigned to intervention that meets their individual needs. If the participant struggles with alcohol or drug abuse during their assigned period of supervision, their classification may be modified. Evidence-based practices are utilized. There were one thousand, three hundred and thirty-nine (1,339) probationers assessed, classified and referred for alcohol/drug intervention services in FY 2018.

### Intervention

5% of offenders were placed in the Education Program. The education program is intended for the first time DUI offenders who do not exhibit any substantial problems with substance use/abuse, nor do they exhibit any signs of tolerance to alcohol and or drugs.

20% of offenders were placed in the Intensive Education Program. The intensive education program is intended for the first time offenders who exhibit problems with alcohol/drugs without appearing addicted or exhibiting addictive use patterns.

75% of offenders were placed in the Treatment Education Program. The treatment education program includes education and a referral for a substance abuse assessment. This program is for offenders with multiple DUI/drug offenses as well as offenders who exhibit tolerance and abusive patterns to alcohol/drugs.

### DUI Court

In FY 2018, the Fredericksburg Regional DUI Court serviced five hundred and forty-three (543) new participants. The Rappahannock Area ASAP provided case management, assessment and monitoring for the DUI Court programs located in the jurisdictions of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, King George and Stafford General District Courts.

## The Rappahannock Area ASAP office provides other education and services:

**Young Offender Program** The Rappahannock Area ASAP office offers a specific education program designed for the youthful offender. This program is intended for offenders who have been charged with underage possession of alcohol. The course is designed to address the problems associated with underage drinking. In FY 2018, the young offender program had ten (10) participants.

**License Restoration Evaluation** Virginia Code 46.2-360 and 46.2-391, directs the local ASAP office to complete a license restoration evaluation for the Court review when a habitual/DUI 3rd offender petitions for restoration of driving privileges. In FY 2018, the Rappahannock Area ASAP completed sixty-five (65) evaluations.

**Reckless Aggressive Driver Education Program (RADEP)** This program is designed for those engaged in acts of reckless or aggressive driving. It is a tool in the disposition of traffic cases in which the defendant has shown reckless/aggressive driving behaviors. The program originated from the Richmond ASAP in 1997 and was adopted at the Rappahannock Area ASAP in FY 2013. The program is twelve hours of driver education with a component that teaches methods to avoid dangerous driving behaviors. Seventy-one (71) individuals completed this valuable program this fiscal year.

**Driver Improvement** This program is certified by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. It provides guidelines and techniques to improve the participants driving abilities. Sixty-four (64) individuals completed the eight- hour Driver Education Program this fiscal year.

**Intervention Interview** This program is required under the Virginia Code 46.2-355.1 for when a driver incurs two Driving on Suspended convictions for failure to pay fines on their driving record within a ten year period of time. The program educates the offender about the consequences of further charges and how to address the behaviors that have resulted in the offenses. Two hundred and twenty-four (224) individuals completed the Intervention Interview in FY 2018.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COMPONENT #5

Rappahannock Area ASAP provides resources to increase public awareness of DUI risks and encourages action to prevent DUI. A coordinated effort shall be made to encourage media attention, provide information and education to educational institutions and community groups, as well as organize and participate in local and statewide publicity campaigns.

- Director, Kevin Ortegel, is an active member of the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Board.
- Distributed DUI information brochures to local police departments, courts and schools.
- RAASAP staff presented prevention programs at local public schools on the high school and middle school levels. There were 49 programs presented this fiscal year in the local county school systems.
- The RAASAP office consistently presented prevention programs at Germanna Community College in September 2017.
- RAASAP sponsored Mothers Against Drunk Driving for the Annual Law Enforcement Awards luncheon in September 2017.



# RAPPAHANNOCK AREA ASAP REFERRALS

## FISCAL YEAR 2018

### Total Referrals

ALCOHOL/DRUG SCREENS ONLY	0
INTERVENTION INTERVIEW	224
DUI (COURT REFERRED)	1047
DUI (DMV REFERRED)	129
YOUNG OFFENDER	10
OUT OF STATE (NON VASAP)	36
DRIVING AFTER ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION	17
LICENSE RESTORATION EVALUATION	65
HABITUAL/MULTIPLE OFFENDER RESTORED	30
DRUG OFFENDER	22
RECKLESS DRIVING REDUCED FROM DUI	63
BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (BUI)	2
EDUCATION ONLY	3
IGNITION INTERLOCK ONLY	81
299 REFERRAL	3
PRE ENROLLMENT	80
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT	64
RECKLESS AGGRESSIVE DRIVER ED- RADEP	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,947</b>

### Source of Referrals

RAASAP JURISDICTIONS	1,166
OTHER VIRGINIA JURISDICTIONS	173
OTHER STATES	36
IGNITION INTERLOCK (DMV)	81
DUI (DMV)	129
INTERVENTION INTERVIEW	224
RADEP	71
DRIVER IMPROVEMENT	64
EDUCATION ONLY	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,947</b>

### RAASAP JURISDICTIONS

	CAROLINE	FREDERICKSBURG	KING GEORGE	SPOTSYLVANIA	STAFFORD
299	1	0	1	1	0
BUI	0	0	0	2	0
DRUG OFFENDER	0	0	0	2	1
HO-EVAL	11	8	4	19	21
HO VASAP	5	1	3	10	10
PRE ENROLL	2	21	9	19	25
RECKLESS DRIVING	6	6	12	18	2
VASAP- DUI	112	133	73	183	410
VASAP-DAC	4	2	0	2	8
YOUNG OFFENDER	1	0	0	1	0
RADEP	1	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>479</b>