

# **Calistoga Joint Unified School District**

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The Honorable Francisca P. Tisher
The Honorable Raymond A Guadagni
Presiding Judges
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Dear Judges Tisher and Guadagni:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District has received and reviewed the 2007-2008 Grand Jury report on the *Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment Programs for Napa County Youth* and provides the responses required from our district below:

Finding 1:

"Napa County youth are more likely that other California youth, as a whole, to be underage users of alcohol (59.4% vs. 45.9%)."

Response to Finding 1:

growing at early.

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 2:

"Drug use by youth in Napa County mirrors the statewide experience."

Response to Finding 2:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 3:

"There are numerous prevention programs throughout the County, which are not uniformly coordinated and which until recently, have not been evidence-based."

Response to Finding 3:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 4:

"NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other governmental agencies have reviewed available local statistics regarding youth AOD use and have recently developed a plan for reducing substance use which incorporates evidence-based programs."

Response to Finding 4:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

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Finding 5:

"NCHHS and the Wolfe Center have recently implemented a strategic plan to address the challenges of providing quality substance abuse treatment for all Napa County youth."

Response to Finding 5:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 6:

"The only outpatient treatment program in Napa County is contracted through the Wolfe Center."

Response to Finding 6:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 7:

"NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other governmental agencies have recognized the valuable work being done by charitable organizations and agencies and is including them in the development and implementation of prevention programs."

Response to Finding 7:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

Finding 8:

"The true cost of publicly funded youth AOD prevention and treatment in Napa County could not be ascertained from the County and school district budgets reviewed."

Response to Finding 8:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District agrees with this finding.

## **Grand Jury Recommendations:**

#### Recommendation 1:

"The County of Napa, through NCHHS, NCOE, NVUSD and other agencies and programs involved in developing the strategic plans commit to cooperate in fully implementing these plans."

Response to Recommendation 1:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District looks forward to working positively to implement, to the extent applicable for our district, the strategic plans that are developed by this county wide effort.

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### Recommendation 2:

"Local governmental agencies and other relevant districts commit to assure sufficient funding is available to fully implement the strategic plans for prevention programs."

Response to Recommendation 2:

The Calistoga Joint Unified School District will continue its practice of securing grants and/or allocating sufficient funds to implement our ongoing AOD prevention programs and to implement those portions of the strategic plan that are applicable to our district.

#### **Recommendation 3:**

"All publically funded youth AOD prevention and treatment expenditures be separately itemized in each local government's budget by each category, youth AOD prevention and youth AOD treatment, so it is clear how much is being spent by each agency for each category."

Response to Regommendation 3:

As the Calistoga coint Unified School District does not provide AOD treatment, all expenditures are for AOD prevention and these can be easily tracked.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey W Johnson Superintendent