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DRUG USE IN ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The National Council on Substance Abuse

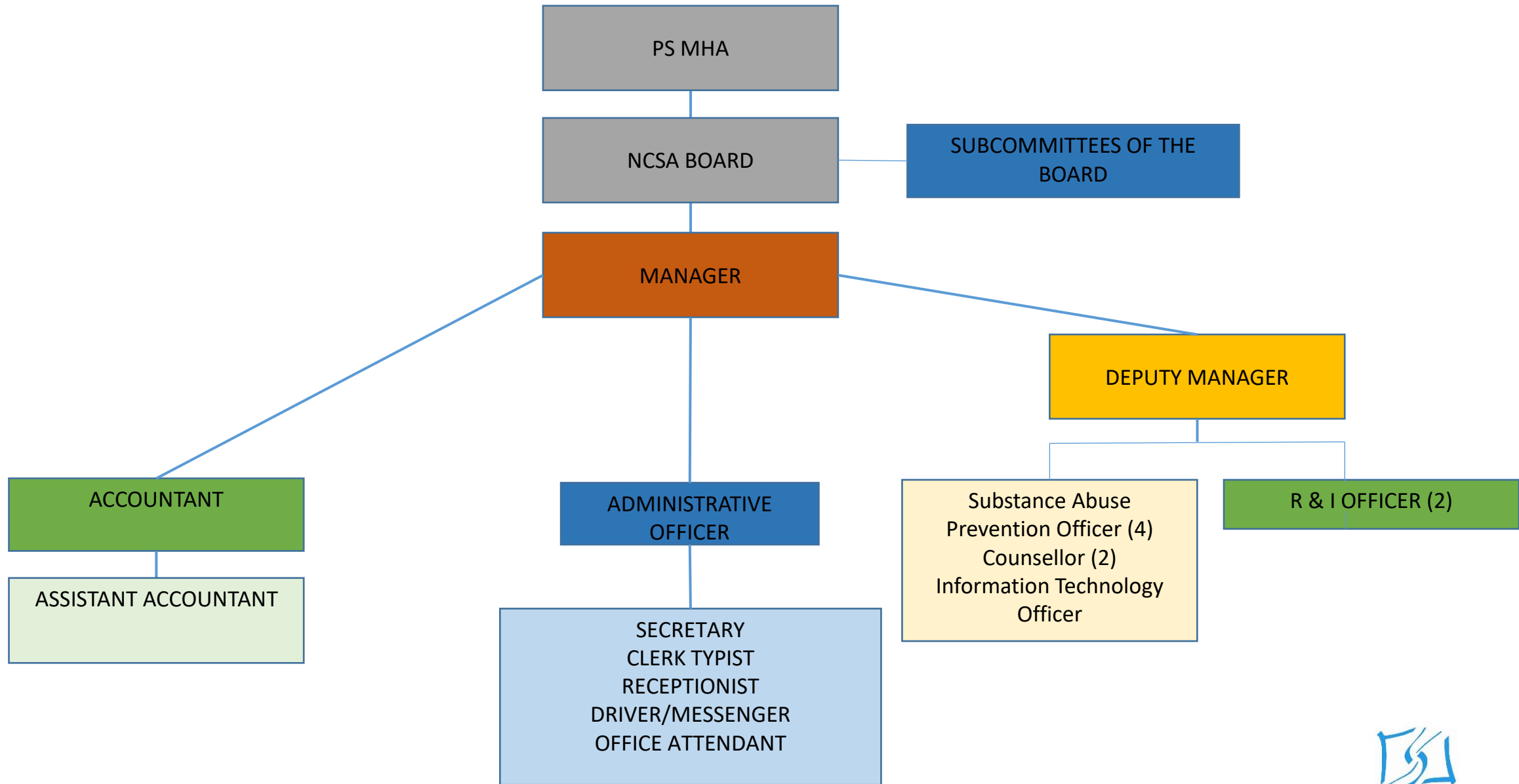


Mrs. Betty Hunte
Manager

History of NCSA

- Established as a **Statutory Board** in May 1995 under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Our mandate is based on drug demand reduction in schools and the wider community.
- The Organisation is managed by a Board of Directors and a team of trained staff who coordinate and implement specific programmes and projects for various target audiences in Barbados.





NCSA PROGRAMMING

The programming is predicated on the following:

- *A national prevention system must be grounded at the community level*
- *Prevention efforts must encompass the range of settings in which young people grow up*
- *It is critical to develop and disseminate information on youth drug, alcohol, and tobacco Use*
- *Criminal justice agencies and prevention organizations must collaborate to effectively address the issue of illegal drug use*



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Goal of Programme Interventions

- To reduce the use and abuse of legal and illegal substances among the population in Barbados incorporating a gender sensitive approach



Research

- Conduct local research on the drug situation:
 - General population, primary & secondary school surveys
 - Needs assessments for programme planning
- Manage & Coordinate the Barbados Drug Information Network (BARDIN)
 - Preparation & dissemination of annual reports
- Programme Evaluation
- Facilitate Barbados' participation in regional/hemispheric projects:
 - Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM)
 - CICAD Drug Treatment Intake Project
 - Various COPOLAD Projects
- Respond to requests for data from international agencies

Primary School Programmes

- Safe and Unsafe – *Age 5 - 6*
- Just the Facts – *Age 7 – 8*
- Drugs & My World – *Age 8 - 9*
- Facts & Issues – *Age 9 - 10*
- Drugs and Decisions – *Age 10 - 11*



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Transition Programme

Safeguarding Our Future Today

- Project SOFT - Transitional Programme for Youth (11+ Children)



Project S.O.F.T CAMP
REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN

THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL CAMP
For Children Who Entered Secondary Schools September 2022

NOVEMBER 3RD - 6TH 2022
Eastern Caribbean Bible Camp,
Ruby St. Phillip

TOPICS & ACTIVITIES
Nutrition and Health
Substance Abuse Prevention
Controlling Anger
Outdoor Games
Treasure Hunt

Free
First come, First served

Catering for 40 Participants
535-6272
makeada.bourne@barbados.gov.bb
agnetha.roach-chase@barbados.gov.bb

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The poster features a photograph of children sitting in a circle, a group photo of campers in yellow shirts, and a group photo of campers in purple shirts. It also includes the NCSA logo and contact information for registration.
















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PROJECT S.O.F.T.
SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE - TODAY



Time	WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER	SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER	SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
6:00 - 6:30	FOR CAMP STAFF ONLY		EXERCISE TIME		
6:30 - 7:45			PERSONAL HYGIENE		
7:45 - 8:45			BREAKFAST		
8:45 - 9:15			DEVOTIONS		
9:15 - 10:15	Staff Arrival	Arrival of Campers / Evaluation	Controlling Your Anger 	Positive Decision Making Skills 	Nutrition Health and Wellness 
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK				
10:30 - 12:00	Presentation on Report Writing - Team Building Activity	Myth or Facts of Tobacco 	Myth or Facts of Marijuana 	Myth or Facts of Alcohol 	Treasure Hunt 
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH				
1:00 - 2:15	What to expect during camp e.g. Objectives, Camp Rules, Department etc.	Adolescent Development (Boys and Girls Separate) 		Positive Influencer 	Evaluation / Closing Session
2:30 - 4:30		Creative Sessions - Art, Dancing, Drama and Singing	Creative Sessions - Art, Dancing, Drama and Singing	Creative Sessions - Art, Dancing, Drama and Singing	Pick up from Queens Park
4:30 - 5:30		Sports	Sports	Sports	
5:30 - 6:00	Presentation Styles - Team Building Activity				
6:00 - 7:00		Dinner			
7:00 - 9:00		Effective Communication 	Movie Night 	Karaoke / Talent Show 	
9:00	Lights Out				



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- The Prevention First Club provides the opportunity for participants in the Project SOFT programme to build upon their experiences.
- Also targets the parents of the children and provides practical guidance for them and their adolescent children.



Parents

- Parent Education Workshops combine a range of evidence-based parent education components, in an interactive family drug education program where parents and children participate together in a range of drug education activities.



Secondary School Programme

- Adolescent Outreach - Age 11 - 16
- Drug & Life Skills Awareness: NCSA Curriculum for Secondary School Students
- Keys for Life
- Weekly interventions at the Edna Nicholls Centre
- Stop! Think! Choose! for the hearing impaired



Community Programmes

- Our community outreach programmes allow officers to interface directly with out-of-school youth with the provision of substance abuse education.
- Antenatal Programme & Postnatal Programme
- Barbados Substance Abuse Badge for Organised Youth Groups
- Faith-Based Programme
- Sports - Not Drugs!



Managing Prevention through Treatment

- Substance abuse counselling
- Grief and anger management
- Poor school performance



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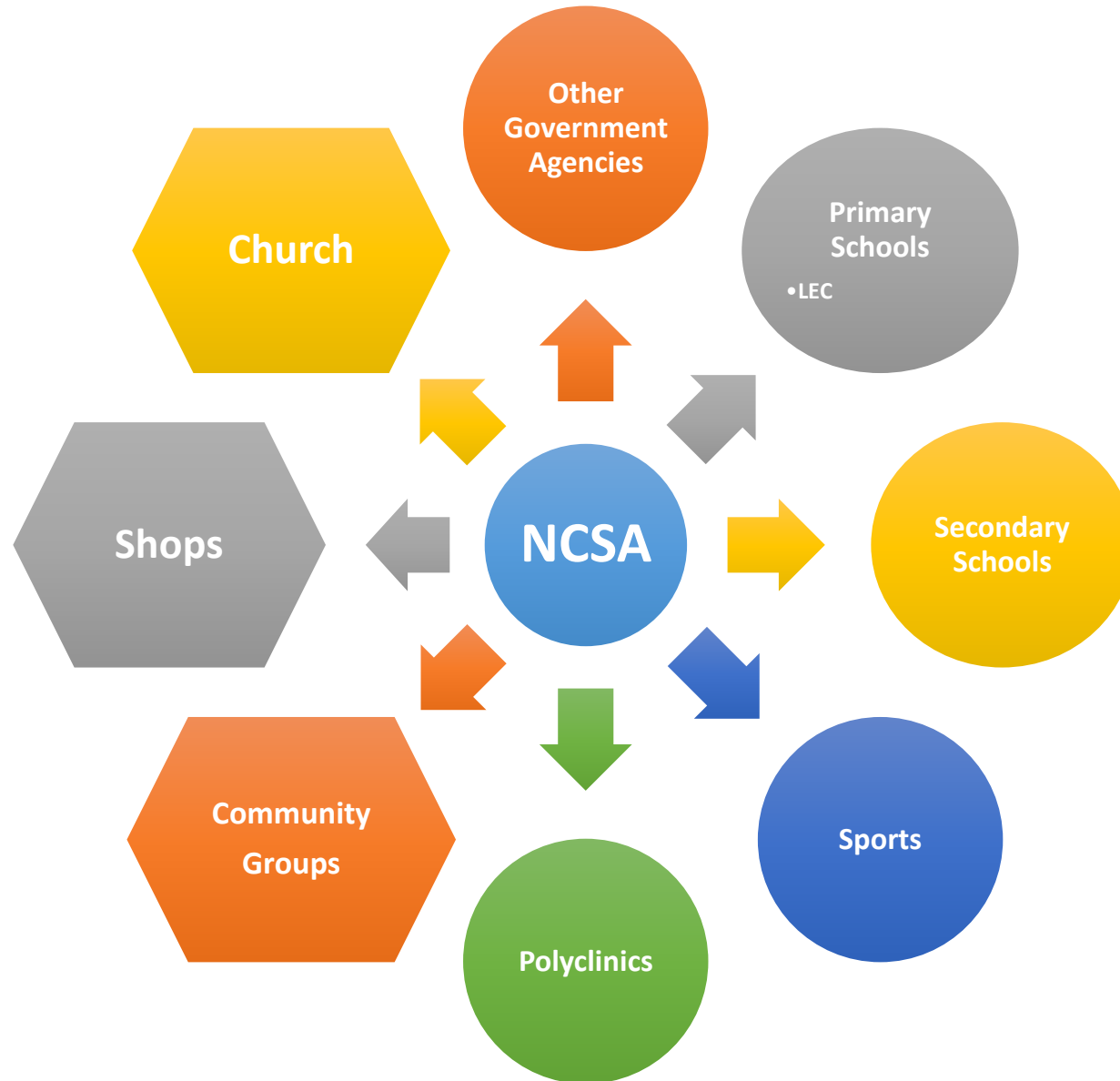
Collaboration with Treatment Agencies

- NCSA continues to collaborate with treatment agencies in the areas of funding and other shared resources



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NCSA Partners



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Where do we go from here?



- Is the vision still the same?
- Do we need to amend our programming?
- How will this impact the organizational capacity?
- How will any change impact financial resources in this current environment?

Solutions

- Engage in more advocacy
- Encourage more dialogue between partners in other social service agencies
- Establish symbiotic relationships with the private sector to enhance program development



Thank you



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