

VENANGO COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

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ANNUAL REPORT

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**Assessment, Treatment Referral,
Case Management, Prevention**

I. MISSION STATEMENT

A. Venango County Human Services:

To assure the safety of our customers, to preserve their families, and to enhance the quality of their lives.

B. Venango County Substance Abuse Program:

Venango County Substance Abuse Program is committed to the prevention of substance use by youth and abuse by adults and to the early identification, assessment and treatment of those experiencing problems.

II. VENANGO COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES VISION

We aspire to deliver a full continuum of service in a manner that meets families and individuals where they are, without judgment; assists them to identify their interrelated needs; partners with them to develop a holistic, well integrated plan for support and treatment; and does so in a manner that preserves their dignity and confidentiality; respects their cultural differences; recognizes their right to choose their own path; and consistently hold out hope that change, growth and recovery is possible.

III. MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES DELIVERY

Venango County has an integrated human services operations program that includes: Substance Abuse, Area Agency on Aging, Children and Youth Services, Mental Health and Developmental Services, Office of Economic Opportunity, Housing, Weatherization and Transportation.

IV. SUBSTANCE ABUSE MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Substance Abuse office has been operational since 1972 in Venango County. It operates as an executive commission-public entity. The staff members have many years of experience in the management, development and provision of health and human services.

Management Staff:

Administrator.....	Marie Plumer
Fiscal Officer I.....	Pamela J. Morris
Senior Program Specialist.....	Dustin Zitterbart
Casework Supervisor.....	Todd Gruber

V. SCA CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The case management unit has been operational since 1988. The Case Management Unit is provided within the Single County Authority (SCA) or the Venango County Substance Abuse Program. Assessments for treatment are completed by case management staff. Walk-ins are accepted as well. Partnerships are also maintained with the court system, emergency room, CYS, and other providers. The 24 hour Protective, Intake, and Crisis (PIC) Unit is also trained in the screening, assessment and referral process.

VI. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES PROVIDED IN VENANGO COUNTY

1. ASSESSMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT CONNECTION

Venango County Substance Abuse Program

One Dale Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-432-9744

Marie Plumer, Director

2. OUTPATIENT AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT

Family Service and Children's Aid Society

150 Prospect Ave., Suite 301, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-432-3466

716 East Second Street, Oil City, PA 16301

Phone: 814-677-4005

Mary K. Serafin, Executive Director

Rick Orłowski, Program Director

Turning Point

150 Prospect Ave., Suite 303, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-346-7217

Joseph Chontos, President

Dan Richards, Executive Director

3. RESIDENTIAL – DETOX, PARTIAL, SHORT AND LONG TERM INPATIENT

Turning Point

Highway 322 East, P.O. Box 1030, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-437-1750

853 Allegheny Blvd, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-346-7142

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4. RECOVERY SUPPORT

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5. PREVENTION

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6. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Luann Hartman, Service Manager

Carrie Beightol, Supervisor



The PA DUI Association Safety SIM was sponsored by VCSAP and Venango County Court Supervision Services. This program was provided at Franklin, Oil City, Cranberry and Rocky Grove High Schools.

VII. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- A full scale implementation of a cross system Protective, Intake and Crisis (PIC) Unit has been accomplished. The PIC Unit is comprised of 25 staff from all traditional categorical departments (ie, CYS, AAA, MH, SAP) and provides “one door” entry to the Venango County Human Services System.

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Continued case management services have been reorganized within the County under the auspices of two managers, one responsible for behavioral health case management and the other responsible for ongoing CYS and AAA. Several case management supervisors lead teams of staff for more streamlined service planning.
- The county has worked with an attorney and licensing bodies to develop policies/procedures/practices designed to ensure that all confidential health care information is protected within the scope of the new services design.

RECOVERY SUPPORT

- A second Certified Recovery Specialist was added to serve individuals with an addiction disorder who do not have Medical Assistance as a payment option.
- Oxford House became operational in 2013 and currently has 8 individuals in the home.
- Emergency housing continues to serve those in need with last year’s number being 7.

TREATMENT

- Venango County was a block grant county for 2012-2013 and under the block grant the following systems of care populations were addressed:

Older Adults (55 and above): VCSAP served an estimated 44 older adults for treatment purposes and 967 received some type of prevention/intervention services.

Adults(26 to 55): VCSAP served an estimated 452 adults in treatment services and an additional 1,976 in prevention/intervention services. Services may have included: Screening and Assessment, Inpatient Non-Hospital, Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Emergency Housing, and Recovery Services.

Transition-Age Youth (18 through 26): VCSAP served an estimated 206 individuals for treatment purposes and approximately 2,052 for prevention/intervention services.

Adolescents (under 18): VCSAP served an estimated of 41 adolescents in treatment last year and approximately 7,713 received prevention/intervention services.

PREVENTION

- A total of 5,717 individuals received Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) prevention services and an additional 15,365 materials were disseminated. Media campaigns reached approximately 84,000 people. ATOD prevention programs included:

Too Good For Drugs: This evidence-based prevention education program was provided in the 5th grade classrooms at Sandycreek and Valley Grove Elementary Schools. A total of 60 sessions were provided and 103 students were served.

Project ALERT: This evidence-based prevention program was provided in Valley Grove and Franklin schools. The program is provided in 7th grade and includes an additional three booster lessons the following school year. A total of 84 sessions were provided and 187 students were served.

On Applebee Pond: This program consists of puppet scripts that focus on self-esteem, drug and alcohol information and social skills. Sixteen student mentors from Rocky Grove High School were trained and provided the program to 300 kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders in the elementary school.

Tobacco Education Group: This is a program for students who have violated school policy for tobacco use on school grounds. A total of 8 groups were held and 33 students were served. This program was provided in all four school districts.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Activities included the distribution of 5,000 napkins to local bars and restaurants by Together We Can members. The napkins contained the message "Think Before You Drink". Four presentations were also provided in the county.

- VCSAP received a \$29,442 Problem Gambling Grant from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. Twenty-one presentations were provided to 177 attendees. A total of 1,537 informational and promotional materials were distributed. Fifteen alternative activities were provided for 1,002 participants.
- VCSAP received a \$2,000 grant from Communities in Schools Pennsylvania. These funds were used for a Collaboration Through Positive Messaging project and helped promote the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). Franklin High School Lead and Seed students assisted with the campaign.



Franklin High School Lead & Seed

INTERVENTION

- The Student Assistance Program that was formerly contracted is now under the purview of Venango County Human Services within the CYS Outreach Program. The Outreach Program is a truancy prevention program that works directly with the schools to help high risk students attend on a consistent basis. Student Assistance Program staff is supervised through this program but remain a separate and distinct service.

VIII. BARRIERS

- A local provider had a fire that caused some delay in services as well as a change to the location of the facility for a short period of time.
- Funding continues to be the major barrier to accessing treatment for county residents. In fact, block grant dollars were utilized to help sustain treatment efforts at the end of the fiscal year.
- A shortage of detox beds became a problem for Venango County residents in the spring of 2013 and at this time residents were sent out of county approximately two hours away. The shortage of beds created hardships for individuals to receive localized treatment.
- A needs assessment was completed in the spring of 2013 by the county administration to determine gaps in services. The top 3 areas were: housing supports, afterhours transportation and child care. (Information was based off of paper surveys with n=8).

IX. TRENDS

- The Criminal Justice Advisory Board has identified that incarceration rates of individuals with a known substance disorder have increased significantly. A re-entry subcommittee was formed to develop a strategic plan to evaluate needs of this population and identify possible programming.
- The VCSAP is seeing an increase in co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders and therefore the cost of treatment is significantly more than your traditional non-hospital residential program and this has also caused a potential problem for treatment barriers.
- The Student Assistance Program liaisons have reported a new trend of prescription drug use in the districts they serve. VCSAP will work with the prevention program to identify any potential programming to address this need.

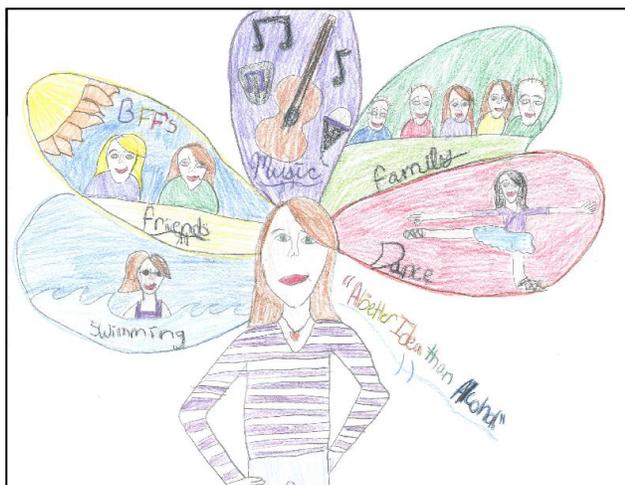
X. TRAINING

Providing up-to-date training for staff, providers, and community members continues to be a priority of Venango County Substance Abuse Program. Trainings provided in Venango County included “Addictions 101”, “Adolescent ASAM”, “Bath Salts, K2, Salvia and Other Emerging Threats in Addiction”, “Case Management Overview”, “Confidentiality”, “PCPC”, “Practical Applications for Confidentiality”, “Practical Applications for PCPC”, “Relapse Prevention”, “Screening and Assessment”, and “Substance Use and Family Dynamics”.

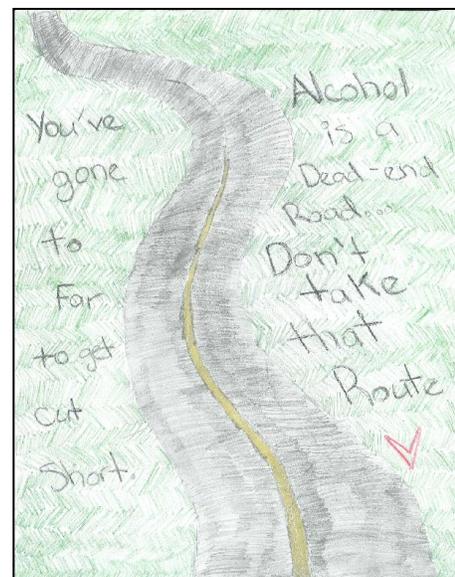
Trainings Staff Attended Included:

Adolescent ASAM	Case Management Overview
Confidentiality	PCPC
Practical Applications for Confidentiality	Screening and Assessment
Practical Applications for PCPC	Co-Occurring and Criminal Justice
Prescription Drug Abuse	STAR Payer
Current Drug Trends	STAR Provider
Substance Use and Family Dynamics	Resistant Clients
What’s the Buzz? Marijuana Talking Points	Drinking to Oblivion
Bath Salts, K2, Salvia and Other Emerging Threats in Addiction	

Trainings that have been identified as needed for fiscal year 2013-2014 are Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse, Cultural Competency, Co-Occurring Disorders, Substance Use and Family Dynamics, PTSD and Addiction, Death and Dying, and Group Counseling.



Abbey Stover
5th Grade Poster Contest, 1st Place



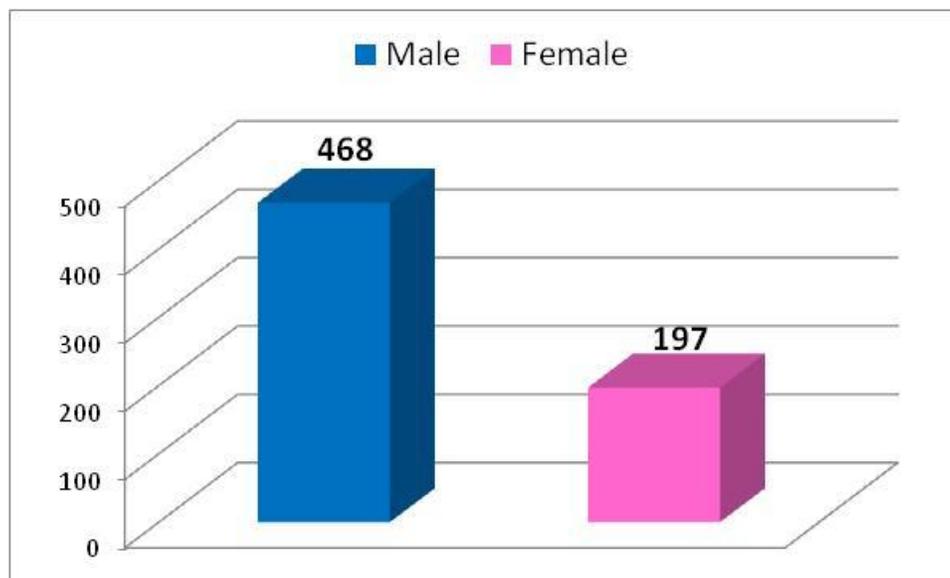
Heather Lumley
5th Grade Poster Contest, 2nd Place

XI. CLIENT STATISTICS

Client Information for those Receiving Assessments

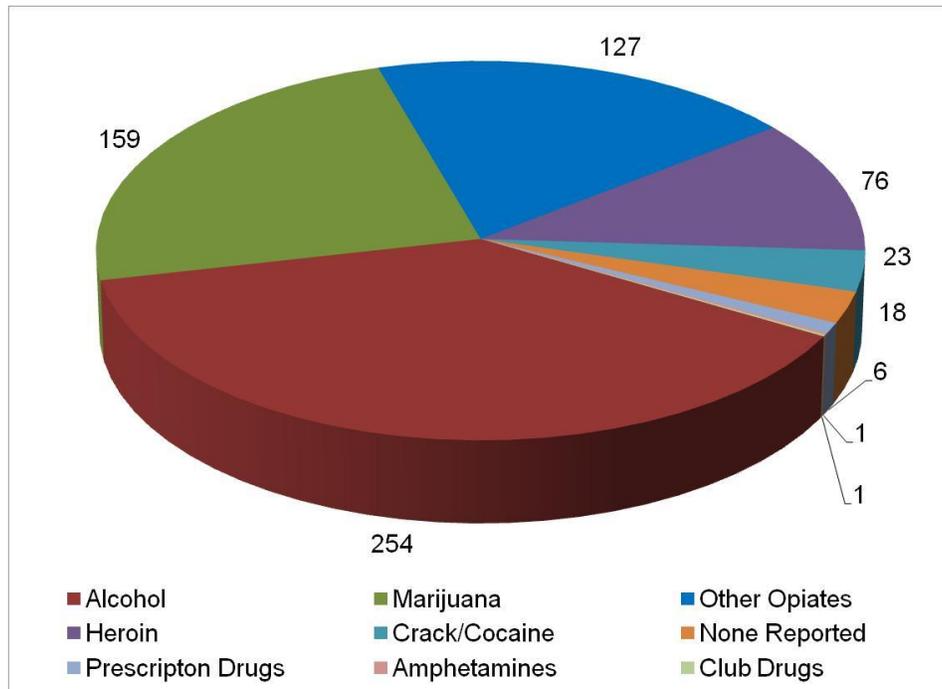
AGE										
	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
ADULTS	746	765	789	811	810	874	789	769	705	629
ADOLESCENTS	43	51	57	60	56	72	49	58	38	36
TOTAL	789	816	846	871	866	946	838	827	743	665

GENDER



RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF CARE										
	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
OUTPATIENT	420	380	386	414	486	500	462	471	415	380
INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	147	150	134	134	114	113	107	102	97	99
NO TREATMENT	99	133	160	153	157	220	146	163	145	97
RESIDENTIAL	119	109	110	98	67	76	83	53	46	46
DETOX	0	41	54	62	35	36	40	38	40	43
PARTIAL HOSPITAL	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
METHADONE	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0
PENDING/MH/OTHER	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	789	816	846	871	866	946	838	827	743	665

PRIMARY DRUG OF CHOICE



REFERRAL SOURCE OF SCHEDULED ASSESSMENTS										
	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	455	694	683	690	659	794	732	684	575	603
DUI	132	250	204	246	322	326	241	313	272	149
SELF	60	92	104	119	82	94	115	88	78	109
METHADONE/SUBOXONE DR.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	17	37
SOCIAL SERVICE	40	79	39	30	25	12	17	15	21	19
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	35	25	32	30	25	13	26	46	45	18
PSYCHIATRIC UNIT	30	21	49	38	19	35	7	15	18	12
OTHER	24	44	51	67	42	47	6	11	6	10
FAMILY/FRIEND	10	9	7	6	1	1	1	2	1	6
MENTAL HEALTH	3	1	3	2	2	2	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	789	1,215	1,172	1,228	1,177	1,324	1,150	1,184	1,033	964

XII. TREATMENT SERVICES

TURNING POINT			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Detox	31	107	\$23,956
Inpatient Non-Hospital	43	469	\$74,571
Intensive Outpatient	31	873	\$22,511
Outpatient	60	301	\$23,224
TOTAL	165	1,750	\$144,262

FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Intensive Outpatient	42	851	\$33,874
Outpatient-Adult	144	882.5	\$69,408
Outpatient-Adolescent	4	27.5	\$2,200
Shelter	6	138	\$6,900
TOTAL	196	1,899	\$112,382

GAUDENZIA			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Detox	1	3	\$825
Inpatient Non-Hospital	2	10	\$1,550
Dual-Diagnosed Inpatient	5	67	\$16,415
TOTAL	8	80	\$18,790

WHITE DEER RUN			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Detox	1	2	\$424
Inpatient Non-Hospital	2	28	\$5,460
TOTAL	3	30	\$5,884

COVE FORGE			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Dual-Diagnosed Inpatient	1	17	\$4,182
TOTAL	1	17	\$4,182

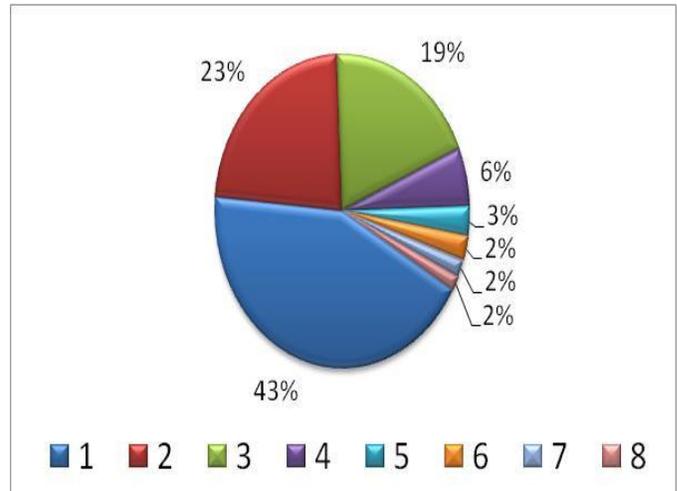
SUGAR VALLEY LODGE			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Emergency Housing	3	75	\$3,600
TOTAL	3	75	\$3,600

GATEWAY			
PROGRAM	CLIENTS SERVED	UNITS	TOTAL COST
Detox	1	4	\$812
Inpatient Non-Hospital	1	11	\$1,951
TOTAL	2	15	\$2,763

2012-2013 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORTS

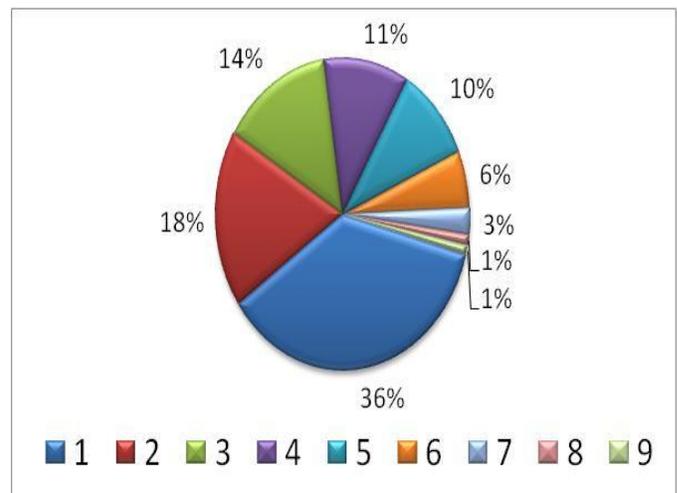
INCOME

1. HS BLOCK GRANT	\$414,743
2. DDAP FEDERAL	\$220,897
3. DDAP STATE	\$184,260
4. HEALTH CHOICES	\$57,921
5. C&P GAMBLING	\$29,442
6. OTHER	\$24,100
7. COUNTY	\$16,587
8. ACT 2010-01	\$14,722
TOTAL	\$954,472



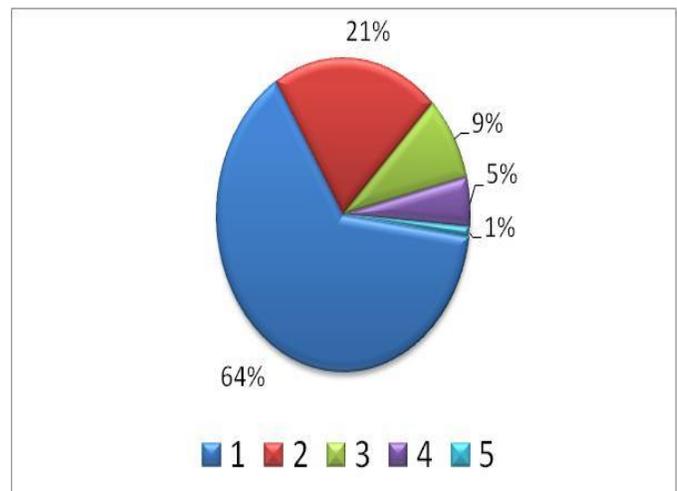
EXPENSES

1. ASSESS & CASE MGMT	\$344,419
2. ADMINISTRATION	\$175,655
3. PREVENTION	\$133,136
4. REHAB	\$104,129
5. OUTPATIENT	\$94,832
6. INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT	\$56,385
7. DETOX	\$26,016
8. HOUSING SERVICES	\$10,500
9. INTERVENTION	\$9,400
TOTAL	\$954,472



TREATMENT FUNDING SOURCES

1. HS BLOCK GRANT	\$186,537
2. DDAP FEDERAL	\$62,163
3. DDAP STATE	\$25,596
4. ACT 2010-01	\$14,722
5. COUNTY	\$2,833
TOTAL	\$291,862



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