Engaging Community Colleges in Prevention

Health and Safety Issues Surrounding Substance Misuse by Community College Students
The social context, or culture, of an institution is important in predicting related harm, a finding consistent with previous research...the culture of alcohol use is central to the understanding the risks of alcohol consumption in a given environment.
The Community College Student Demographics

- 54% of CC students are under 22
- 38% are 22-39 (2018)
- 62% of all full-time students at CC work
- 72% of all part-time students at CC work
- 28% of public community colleges have on campus housing
The Problems and Challenges Unique to Community Colleges
Lack of Resources for Prevention

- Very little staff time devoted to alcohol-related intervention and prevention activities – less than 15% of a full time position is dedicated to this work
- Main focus is on compliance
- Failure of CC to obtain significant programmatic outcomes data
Drinking Rates among Community College Students

- About 40% of college students drink heavily, but there is a gap in research regarding prevention in community colleges.
- 47% of 17-24 year old's are likely to binge drink, older students binge rate is 23%.
- Full-time students indicate a greater alcohol consumption.
- CC with resident halls had higher incidents of heavy drinking than those whom the students lived with parents.
- Higher drinking rates occur at IHE with highest (10,000-19,999) and lowest (under 2500) enrollments.
Engaging CC in Prevention Programs

- Get Buy-In
- Screening and Brief Intervention
- Allies in state agencies and coalitions
- College Alcohol Policy Tool
An Example of Our Work at TST
RECOMMENDED
Thank you,
Keep in touch!

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Resources

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