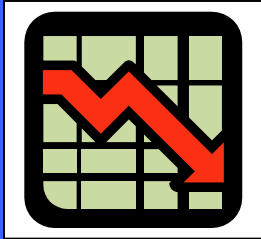


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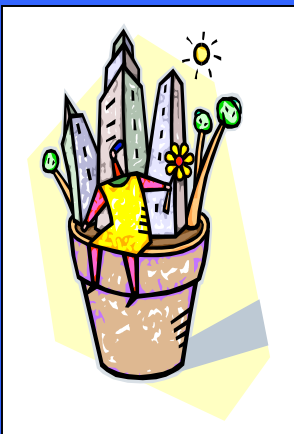
Dedicated to Promoting Safe and Healthy Families, Schools and Communities



The SD Prevention Network is impacting youth use rates! Over one-third of SD's students are reached by in-class instruction and/or intervention services.



Every teacher and counselor in SD has access to prevention training and prevention library services featuring evidence-based curricula, videos and books.



14 Community Prevention Networkers work cooperatively with law enforcement, parents and schools to impact behaviors, use rates and laws.

Underage Alcohol and Other Drug Facts for South Dakota

- ✓ Alcohol is the number one drug illegally used by youth in SD. ('05 SD YRBS)
- ✓ One dollar spent on alcohol and other drug prevention saves \$7 spent on law enforcement, social services and treatment. (*Children's Defense Fund*)
- ✓ Alcohol and other drug use drives SD law enforcement, fills the courts, impacts social services and fills SD jails. (*SD Attorney General*)
- ✓ The older a person is before the first use of alcohol, the less likely an addiction to the substance will develop. (*National Institute of Drug Abuse*)
- ✓ Alarming youth use rates - SD ranks **HIGHER** than the National average in several under-age alcohol and drug use statistics. (2005 SD YRBS, 2005 National YRBS)
SD 9-12th graders said, in the Past 30 Days:
 - 47% had at least 1 drink of alcohol. (National = 43.3%)
 - 32% rode in car driven by someone who had been drinking. (National = 28.5%)
 - 17% drove a car when they had been drinking. (National = 9.9%)
 - 34% had 5 or more drinks, binge drinking, in a row. (National = 25.5%)
 - 7% used methamphetamines in their life. (National = 6.2%)

State Infrastructure Addressing Underage Alcohol & Drug Use

The **South Dakota Prevention Network**, funded by the Department of Human Services, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, reaches all counties in South Dakota through the following projects:

- ✓ **14 Community Mobilization Projects** build coalitions in communities around the State of South Dakota
- ✓ **7 Prevention programs in Non-profit agencies** provide community education, school-based prevention to students and teachers, diversion classes for alcohol and drug offenders.
- ✓ **4 Regional Prevention Resource Centers** deliver trainings for teachers, students, and community members. House resource libraries with thousands of videos, books, and curricula available for free check out.
- ✓ **4 School-Based K-12 Programs** located on-site in schools with staff members who provide school-based prevention and intervention to students as well as assessments and diversion classes.
- ✓ **2 College Programs** provide education, alternatives, assessments, and diversion classes for the college students on their campuses.

Providing Services for Over Twenty Years in South Dakota!



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SD Prevention Network Meets Need With Action!

- 380,000** people were served by the SD Prevention Network last year.
- Last year over **4,000** prevention library items were checked out to people statewide.
- 34,355** hours of community mobilization occurred in **14** communities in SD.
- During the last year, **4,200** students received intervention services in SD schools.
- Since June of 2006, **91** hours of *Face Facts: Meth Makes You Ugly* education have been provided to students.
- 11,000** students received alcohol and other drug diversion classes.
- 176** teachers, school counselors and prevention professionals received instruction in curriculum that are research and evidence-based.
- 656** SD youth attended **18** prevention camps, conferences and training events.

Seeing Results in South Dakota

- ✓ Prevention programming across the state has contributed to the steady decline in use rates among our 9-12 grade students according to the *SD Youth Risk Behavior Survey*. When comparing 1997 to 2005, a drop in the following areas occurred:

	1997	2005
Rode in a car with a driver who had been drinking	50	↓ 32
Drove a car when they had been drinking	31	↓ 17
First drink of alcohol prior to age 13	31	↓ 24
Past 30 day alcohol use	60	↓ 47
Binge drinking (<i>5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row</i>)	45	↓ 34
Past 30 day marijuana use	20	↓ 17
Ever used methamphetamines in their life (<i>new item in 1999</i>)	10 (1999)	↓ 7

- ✓ **In spite of progress in many areas, SD youth use rates are still some of the highest per capita in the nation.**

Continuing Efforts to Prevent Use

Face Facts: Meth Makes You Ugly campaign – in nine months, **100** hours of the Face Facts message have been presented in **27** schools around the state. **18** staff members have been trained to present in any school or community in the state.

School-Based Program – another school-based site has been added in Spearfish and Lead/Deadwood with a full-time prevention professional in the schools. This is in addition to school-based programs in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Prime for Life Training – **32** professionals from across the state received training. They will provide diversion classes to youth who have had an alcohol or drug-related offense. Classes cover issues related to alcohol and other drugs as well as the law regarding adolescent use of chemicals.

Professional Development Training – Currently there are **26** Certified Prevention Specialists in SD. Another **29** are working toward their certification.

Comments from the people served

"This was a really helpful learning program. This will be helpful to me in later years."

Flandreau Indian School student, Mentoring Training

"This (Life Skills Training) is a great curriculum for kids – to help benefit them in all areas of their life."

Watertown Middle School Teacher

"Great job! The activities kept the students involved and kept their attention. I especially liked the Helping Skill section."

Canton Teacher, Natural Helpers Training

"Hearing the other parents comments are very helpful. All the examples given by the instructors are good and thought-provoking, and I am eager to try them."

Sturgis Parent, Love & Logic Training

"I learned that girls bully, too, just differently than boys."

Lemmon 6th Grader

"This was my first training and I thought it was awesome! Well organized and educational."

Dell Rapids Student, Natural Helpers Training

"I learned how meth can destroy a person's life, and how much it really takes to get over the addiction."

Clark student, meth education presentation