

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

NDSU President's Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs

“The issue of high-risk drinking among our students is personal to me, both as a parent and as the president of this university. I appeal to you to take this issue seriously. We are all invested in seeing our students reach their full potential”

President Chapman
State of the University Address, 2006

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The Problem

NDSU students report higher than national averages for:

- High-risk drinking (5 or more drinks, in one sitting in the past two weeks)
- Average number of drinks per week
- Having been in trouble with police or residence hall staff due to drinking

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President’s Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs (AOD)

- Established October 2007
- 25 members (faculty, staff & students)
- Not out to eliminate the use of alcohol
- Reduce high-risk drinking consequences
- Community problem, requires a community solution

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Draft Outcomes

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Outcomes - Reduce

Behavior	Current (2008)	Goal (5% reduction by 2012)
Students who engage in high-risk drinking	51.0%	48.5%
Average number of drinks per week	5.37	5.1
Underage students who consumed alcohol in the past 30 days	63.2%	60%
Students who report missing class due to AOD use	33.8%	32.1%
Students who report performing poorly on a test or important project because of AOD use	24.2%	23%
Students who used marijuana in past 30 days	7.5%	7.1%

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Outcomes continued...

Increase:

Behavior	Current (2008)	Goal (5% increase by 2012)
Students who abstained from alcohol in the past 30 days	25.8%	27.1%
Faculty/staff members' knowledge on where to refer students or colleagues with AOD problems	69.5%	73%
Faculty/staff members' who wish to be involved in AOD prevention	38.6%	40.5%

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Draft Strategic Plan

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Areas of focus



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Academics & Education

Priorities

- Research about Alcohol & Other Drugs
- Media campaign reinforcing positive social norms
- Incentives for student organizations to develop alcohol-free events

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Community

Priorities

- Saturday night and event-specific programming
- Student input on AOD prevention efforts
- Family/parent role in AOD prevention efforts
- Alumni role in AOD prevention

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Individual

Priorities

- Online alcohol education for all first-year students
- Research-based interventions with second time policy violators

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Campus Policy & Law

Priorities

- Publicize prospective employers' AOD policies
- Consistently review and enforce campus policy

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Next steps...

- Finalize the plan
- Implementation
- Accountability
- Continuous Assessment

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Questions and Input...

- Entire plan can be found online at:
www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo
- click on '*President's Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs*'
- Feedback, Questions or Concerns can be sent directly to:
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