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## **A LOOK AHEAD: VOLUME 4 OF THE PARTNERS IN PREVENTION BRIEF SERIES**

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Since 2000, Missouri Partners in Prevention (PIP) has been providing training, funding and technical assistance to member campuses dedicated to creating healthy and safe college and university environments. While the focus of our statewide coalition has been on preventing high-risk and underage drinking among Missouri's college students, the coalition is also dedicated to addressing other health behaviors such as prescription drug use, high-risk driving, tobacco use, and problem gambling. In addition, PIP also provides support and services to campuses across the state to prevent suicide and support positive mental health among college students. In the past year, Partners in Prevention has begun exploring two new growth areas: helping campuses regarding compliance with Title IX regulations and addressing the needs of students in recovery.

Last year, PIP provided the Missouri higher education community with a series of thirteen research briefs. These briefs highlighted the range of health behaviors, including high-risk drinking, driving behaviors, and health behaviors of subpopulations of students. In addition, the briefs provided information about current work being implemented in the state to address these behaviors. PIP is pleased to provide Missouri campuses with the fourth volume of research briefs. Briefs will be published monthly and include additional examination of the health behavior of subpopulations of students as well as additional key metrics of the Missouri College Health Behavior Survey, such as students' sense of belonging and student engagement. PIP will continue to examine key health behavior issues such as alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, driving behaviors, and mental health, along with new topics, such as interpersonal violence and addressing the needs of students in recovery.

PIP has made tremendous progress since its inception in 2000. National research in college prevention is clear - campus prevention efforts that are evidence-based, comprehensive and are supported by campus administrators are the most effective strategies to reduce high risk and underage drinking and the associated negative consequences among college students. While binge and high risk drinking rates

have been static nationally, Missouri rates have dropped drastically from 34% in 2007 to 24% in 2015. PIP encourages campus leaders to be vocal, visible, and visionary on issues related to alcohol, drugs, and mental health. The goal of Volume Four of the Partners in Prevention briefs is to assist campus' understanding of the key issues facing Missouri college students, as well as how campuses are working to create healthier and safer campus communities.

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### **LOOK FOR THESE TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED IN VOLUME FOUR OF THE PIP BRIEF SERIES:**

- The Role of Alcohol in Student Retention
- Campus Policy Enforcement
- Emerging Issues for Student Veterans
- Perceptions of Peer Drinking and Social Norms
- Parental Approval of Prescription Drug Misuse
- Marijuana Use and Abuse by College Students
- Emerging Issues for Students of Color
- Emerging Health and Safety Issues for LGBTQ students

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