

A LOOK AHEAD: VOLUME 3 OF THE PARTNERS IN PREVENTION BRIEF SERIES

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 drugs, 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.

Look for These Topics to be addressed in Volume Three 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 LGBQQ students

Last year, PIP provided the Missouri higher education community with a series of nineteen research briefs. These briefs highlighted the range of health behaviors including high risk drinking, tobacco use, 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.

Partners in Prevention is pleased to provide Missouri campuses with the third 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 student 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 sexual health.

Partners in Prevention 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 27% in 2014.

Partners in Prevention encourages campus leaders to be vocal, visible, and visionary on issues related to alcohol, drugs, and mental health. The goal of Volume Three 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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