

# Community Resources and Readiness



Assessment Report Overview

VT SPF-SIG

Training #2

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# General Points

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- Copies available on your tables
- Follows format of the survey
- Averages for each item and some subsets of items
- Information on the number of respondents
- Representative responses to open-ended questions and frequencies of each type of response (not available on example provided today)
- Custom reports distributed in about 2-3 weeks

# **Lamoille Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition**

*8 surveys completed as of 1/23/07*

## ***Demographics***

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	<b>Coalition</b>	<b>State</b>
1. <i>Age</i>	6 (46-55) 2(56-65)	
2. <i>Gender</i>	3 male, 5 female	
3. <i>Sectors</i>	2 law, 1 parent, 1 health care, 2 AOD coalition reps, 1 government, 1 public health	
4. <i>Residence</i>	5 yes , 3 no	

## ***Substance Use Problems***

(1 = not a problem, 2 = a minor problem, 3 = a significant problem) (*item repeats for 18-25, 26-65, and 66+*)

### ***5. How much of a problem are the following among 12-17 year olds?***

	<b>Community perception</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>Informant perception</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>State average community perception</b>	<b>State average informant perception</b>
a. Tobacco	2.0	4	2.3	7		
b. Marijuana	2.6	5	2.7	7		
c. Other illicit drugs	2.2	5	2.4	7		
d. Prescription drugs	2.2	5	2.8	6		
e. Alcohol	2.6	6	3.0	7		
Average	2.3		2.6			

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## ***Community Awareness***

(1 = strongly agree, 2 = somewhat agree, 3 = somewhat disagree, 4 = strongly disagree)

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<b>10. <i>I think most residents...</i></b>			
	<b>Coalition</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>State</b>
a. Would like to see greater efforts aimed at preventing alcohol abuse	1.9	8	
q. Believe that drinking alcoholic beverages should not be permitted at public events	1.8	6	
Average support for prevention (items a,b,c,g,h,i,j,k,l,o,q)	1.9		

## **Substance Abuse Prevention Resources/Assets**

(1 = does not exist, 2 = ineffective, 3 = somewhat effective, 4 = very effective)

<b>11. How effective are the following strategies in your community?</b>			
	<b>Coalition</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>State</b>
a. Coalition/task force or council that addresses substance abuse	2.6	7	
cc. Other (e.g.,...)	n/a	0	
Average: Prevention Infrastructure (items: a,u,v)	2.7		
Average: Environmental Strategies (items: b through k)	2.7		
Average: Public Education Campaigns (items: l,p,o,)	2.5		
Average: Family and Parent Programs (items: n,q)	3.1		
Average: Individual-focused Primary Prevention Programs (items: p,r,s,t,w)	3.1		
Average: Selected and Indicated Prevention Programs (items: x,y,z,aa,bb)	3.0		

***12. Which of the above strategies are (or could be) the most effective at preventing underage drinking?***

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***13. Which of the above strategies are (or could be) the most effective at preventing high risk drinking?***

**Coalition comments**

***14. Which of the above strategies are (or could be) the most effective at preventing marijuana use?***

**Coalition comments**

## Vermont Substance Abuse Prevention Resources/Assets

(1 = yes, 2 = no, 9 = don't know)

15. <i>Are the following programs in place in your community?</i>						
	Coalition			State		
	1	2	9	1	2	9
a. Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program	0	1	7			
o. Other (e.g., ...)	0	0	1			
Average	2.1	1.9	3.5			

## **Barriers**

(1 = not a barrier, 2 = a moderate barrier, 3 = a large barrier)

*16. How much of a barrier to alcohol and other drug prevention to the following issues pose?*

	<b>Coalition</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>State</b>
a. Lack of leadership	2.0	8	
r. Other (e.g., ...)	2	1	
Average: Lack of Community Support (items: c,e,f,g,h,j,o,p,q)	2.2		
Average: Lack of Organizational Capacity (items: a,b,i,k,m,n)	2.3		
Average: Lack of Information and/or Consensus (items: d,l)	2.0		

## ***Planning***

(1 = none, 2 = low, 3 = medium, 4 = high)

***17. What is the willingness and ability of organizations in your community to carry out the following prevention related activities?***

	<b>Coalition</b>	<b># replies</b>	<b>State</b>
a. Collect data on the nature of local substance abuse problems	3.3	7	
n. Develop a strategic plan to address substance abuse in the community	3.0	6	
Average	3.0		

(1 = yes, 2 = no, 9 = don't know)

**18. *Are the following data available for use by community-based organizations in your community?***

	Coalition			State		
	1	2	9	1	2	9
a. Census data	7	0	1			
k. Other (e.g., ...)	1	0	1			
Average	4.5	.5	2.5			

(1 = yes, 2 = no, 9 = don't know)

**19. *What barriers have limited organizations to collect and/or use data?***

	Coalition			State		
	1	2	9	1	2	9
a. They do not see the need to collect data	0	5	2			
i. Other (e.g., ...)	0	0	2			
Average	1.8	1.4	3.7			

Select one

(a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, f=6, g=7, h=8, i=9)

**20. Which stage of readiness for preventing underage drinking best describes your community? (repeats for high risk drinking and marijuana use)**

	<b>Coalition count</b>	<b>State</b>
a. Tolerates or encourages underage drinking	1	
b. Has little or no recognition of the underage drinking problem	2	
c. Believes there is an underage drinking problem, but awareness is linked to one or two incidents	1	
d. Recognizes the underage drinking problem and leaders on the issue are identifiable, but little planning has been done to address problems and risks	2	
e. Is planning for underage drinking prevention and focuses on practical details, including seeking funds for prevention efforts		

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f. Has enough information to justify an underage drinking prevention program and there is great enthusiasm for the program as it begins		
g. Has created policies and/or more than one underage drinking prevention program is running with financial support and trained staff	2	
h. Views standard underage drinking programs as valuable , new programs are being developed to reach at-risk populations and there is ongoing evaluation		
i. Has detailed and sophisticated knowledge of prevalence, risk factors, and underage drinking program effectiveness and the programming is tailored by trained staff to the community		
Average	3.8	

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*Additional Comments*

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# Comments on the Raw Qualitative Data



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- ❑ Community policing has more effect on underage drinking at the college than prevention programs
- ❑ Substance abuse is the driver in the social and economic costs that are creating budgetary concerns
- ❑ Other strategies for reducing u.a. drinking: alcohol and drug testing to participate in school sports and activities programs. Random searches of lockers, backpacks, etc.
- ❑ Barriers to prevention activities: too many organizations splitting up resources and guarding their own turf

# Comments continued

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- ❑ Modality for addressing teen and young adult substance abuse is outdated; of all the organizations addressing the issue, few are making the issue a solvable, asset based/marketing based one
- ❑ As a treatment center, we struggle to keep up with referrals and the capacity to provide treatment
- ❑ We have it better figured out with under-age youth, and not with 18-25 year olds
- ❑ No police or organizations exist in this town