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2015 STATE OF IDAHO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy is pleased to announce the release of the [2015 State of Idaho Substance Abuse Prevention Needs Assessment](#). The assessment contains ongoing information from statewide surveillance programs and provides baseline and trend information on substance use, abuse, and dependence in Idaho.

Idaho has seen some positive trends in regard to substance abuse epidemiology:

- 30-day alcohol use and binge drinking among 9th–12th graders **has decreased** since 2007 and is typically below the national average.
- Alcohol-related arrests and motor vehicle crashes **have declined**.

While these are welcome improvements, there continues to be areas of concern:

- Liquor sales per capita continue to **increase**.
- Alcohol- and drug-induced mortality rates **have increased**.
- Marijuana trafficking arrest rate has **more than quadrupled** since 2009.
- Other drug trafficking arrest rate has **increased 3.5 times** since 2011.
- After a considerable decline, drug possession arrests and seizures **have increased**.

ODP and stakeholders are addressing these concerns by utilizing evidence based strategies in workgroups, community coalitions and direct services.

[Find the needs assessment here.](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

The State Department of Education will award \$1.5 million in grants to fund afterschool programs across the state for the upcoming 2016–2017 school year. **Now is the time for school districts and other organizations to apply.**

The funding is available through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities, art, music, recreation, sports, drug and violence prevention and youth development activities to students during non-school hours.

[Learn more HERE.](#)

Idaho State Liquor Division Mini Grant Program

The National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) recognizes the importance of its role and more importantly, that of its member states, in the area of alcohol abuse prevention/education.

As such, NABCA has made available to the Idaho State Liquor Division (ISLD) as one of its member states an education award of \$10,000 for development, enhancement or expansion of effective alcohol education efforts. The ISLD has elected to create an Educational Mini-Grant Program to distribute these funds to partnering agencies through a competitive grant system. Community organizations, law enforcement, schools, colleges, universities, nonprofit agencies, or for profit organizations are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more HERE.](#)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

Salmon Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition



"Roots" The winning video from the 2015 film festival.

The Salmon Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (SSAPCO) was formed when several existing prevention efforts joined forces to create a united front in reducing and preventing substance abuse within the Salmon Community. The group brought

businesses, local governing agencies, youth serving organizations and other key individuals together to create a coalition where all sectors are heard and play a role in "Promoting a healthy environment that decreases substance abuse through education, empowerment and healthy alternatives."

An all school film festival is one of many successful student alternative activities sponsored by SSAPCO. Every student in the high school was part of a video production team through the English classes. Parents, students and the community were invited to the film festival where a variety of positive messaging videos were shown. Topics ranged from facing the pressures of high school, such as underage drinking to celebrate the great outdoors. **Meri Galvan**, youth coordinator, oversees a group of high school Drug Free Youth Students who plan alternative activities for the school. They are participating in a local TED event this month and will lead a break out session during the day of the event.

Every project and strategy chosen by the coalition is directly focused on a local condition linked to a base problem of either underage drinking or prescription drug abuse. One strategy is to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the school whose presence has already brought about positive change in the school environment. SRO, **Teresa Stephenson**, has recently completed an extensive Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training to better recognize and address drug problems within the school.

The environmental strategies and activities work in tandem with direct substance abuse prevention programs. Life Skills Training and Project Alert programs are delivered in the Salmon elementary and middle schools to help students build the necessary skills to decline substance use and ultimately become successful adults.

"All of the strategies come together to help us realize our vision," states SSAPCO Director, **Sharon Infanger**, "to make Lemhi County a vibrant, healthy community [that is] free of substance abuse."

MISSION: The Idaho Office of Drug Policy leads Idaho's substance abuse policy and prevention efforts by developing and implementing strategic action plans and collaborative partnerships to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.

VISION: The Idaho Office of Drug Policy envisions an Idaho free from the devastating

social, health, and economic consequences of substance abuse.



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