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The Provider's Source Update from the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Project

"Building Bridges, Closing Gaps"



New Report on Underage Drinking

Early drinking may be related to heavy drinking and alcohol problems in adulthood. Some research suggests those who drink before age 21 are more likely to engage in violent behaviors, attempt suicide multiple times, have unprotected sex, and have more sexual partners.

A new report released on March 31, 2008 describes the quantity and frequency of alcohol use among underage drinkers. The main findings are:

- Underage drinkers consume more alcohol than people over 21 each time they drink.
- In 2005 and 2006 an average of 28% of 12-20-year-olds reported using alcohol in the past month.
- Those that reported drinking in the past month drank, on average, 6 days out of the month drinking an average of 5 drinks each time.

To download the entire report go here:

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/underage/underage.pdf>



SAMHSA News: Screening Works

SAMHSA started a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Initiative in 2003. Since then, 600,000 people have been screened and 23% of them had substance use problems. At one school site, 60% of the students reported binge drinking. At a 6-month follow-up (after the intervention), almost half of the participants had not had a drink of alcohol in the past 30 days. More than half of the participants who were using illicit drugs or abusing prescription drugs had stopped completely.

See the full-text of the article here:

http://www.samhsa.gov/SAMHSA_News/VolumeXVI_2/article1.htm

North Carolina is Implementing GAIN

The Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) is an evidence based assessment instrument used for diagnosis, placement, and treatment planning in a variety of settings with individuals 12 years of age and older. As an effort to improve adolescent substance abuse services in the state of North Carolina, The Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships in collaboration with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services has facilitated several trainings around the state to assist agencies in the implementation of the GAIN assessment and the GAIN Short Screener. Several overview sessions have also been facilitated to increase awareness in North Carolina of an evidence based assessment that helps clinicians consider both mental health and substance abuse concerns.

Go to <http://www.chestnut.org/li/gain/> for more information.

Mark your calendars

Ethical Issues in Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Counseling

Sponsored by: The Professional Assoc. of Rehab. Counselors (PARC)

Presented by: Lloyd Goodwin

Date: 06/13/2008

Location: 5 Dogwood Court, Greenville, NC

Contact Lloyd Goodwin at 252-744-6292



The 12 Core Functions of Substance Abuse Counseling

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McLeod Addictive Disease Center: 515 Clanton Road, Charlotte, NC 28217

Date: 06/06/2008

Cost: FREE

Sign in: 8:00 AM

Training : 8:30AM-4:00 PM

The Twelve Core Functions (screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, case management, crisis management, client education, referral, reports, record keeping and consultation) as defined by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium, described the basic clinical competencies of the substance abuse counselor. This course defines and reviews each core function providing the participants with an integrated approach to these twelve areas of clinical competency.

Pre-Registration is NOT required.

<http://www.mcleodcenter.com/>

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