Using the NIAAA CollegeAIM to identify and select environmental strategies to prevent excessive alcohol consumption and related harms.



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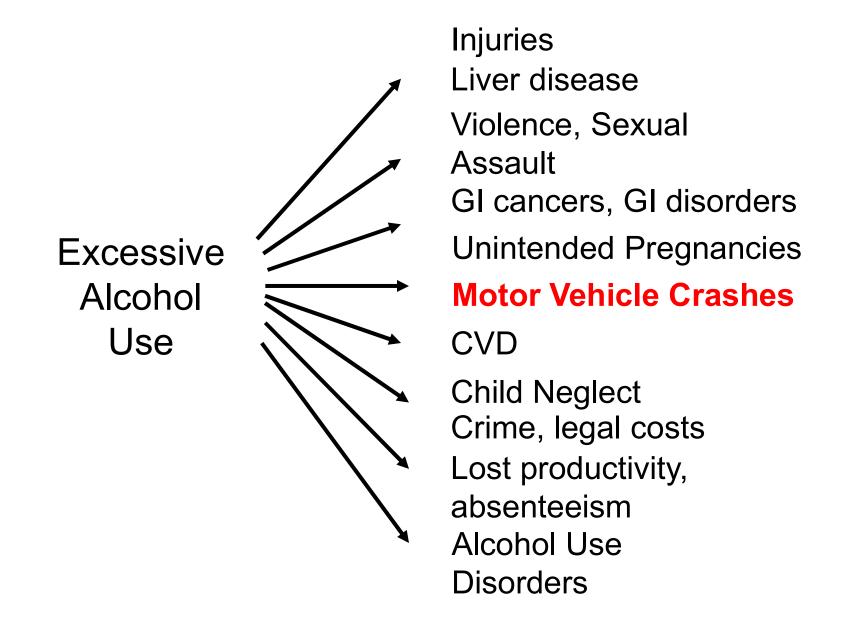




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Outline

- A population perspective on excessive alcohol use among college students
 - Assessment Activity
- College AIM Environmental Strategies
 - Allies Activity
- Making the case for Environmental Strategies
 - Pitch Activity





NIAAA College Drinking Task Force, 2002



Tradition of drinking is entrenched at every level of the college student environment Student drinking consequences affect everyone

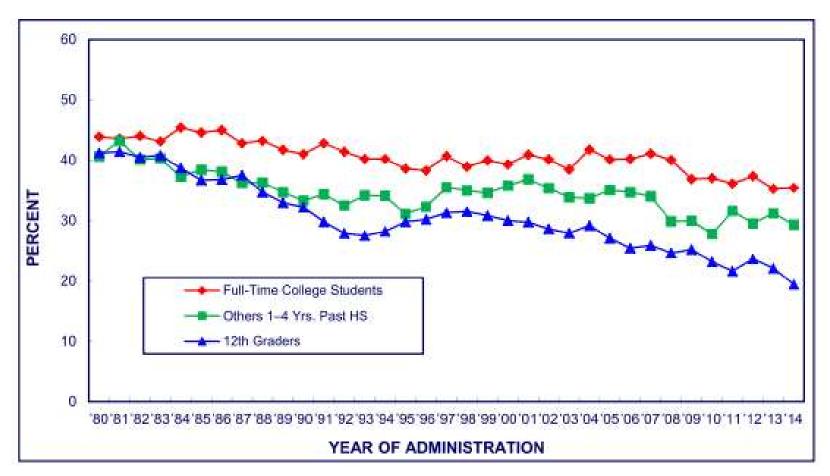
- Death
- Injury
- Assault
- Sexual abuse
- Drunk driving
- Vandalism
- Police calls
- Alcohol abuse and dependence



FIGURE 9-15d ALCOHOL

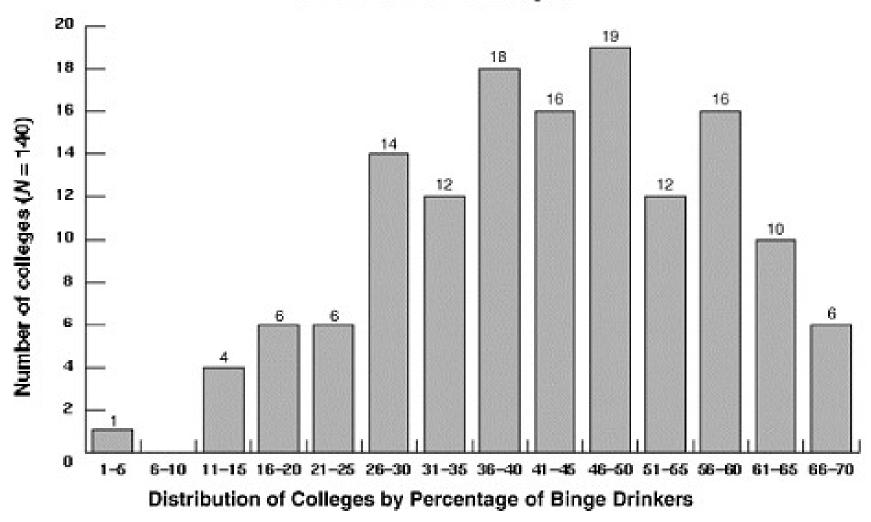
Trends in 2-Week Prevalence of <u>5 or More Drinks in a Row</u> among College Students vs. Others 1 to 4 Years beyond High School

(Twelfth graders included for comparison.)



Monitoring the Future (2015)

FIGURE 1
Distribution of Percentage of Students Who Binge Drink at Each of the 140 Colleges



Note. Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of 5 or more drinks in a row for men and 4 or more drinks in a row for women during the 2 weeks before the survey. Percentages are based on the total numbers of students who completed the survey at each college.

Toxic Alcohol Environments

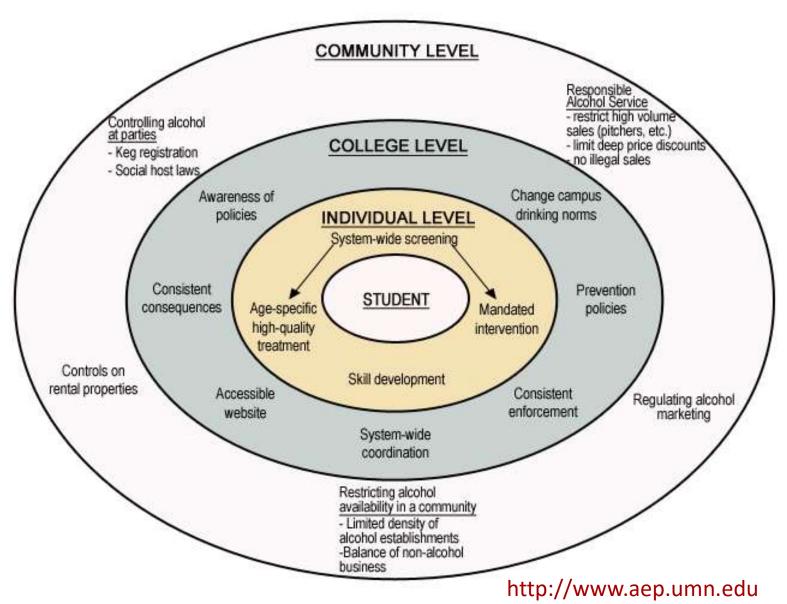
High binge colleges

- –More likely to:
 - focus on intercollegiate athletics and fraternity/ sorority life (settings for socializing and drinking)
 - have a large number of alcohol outlets nearby
 - have heavy marketing of alcohol
 - have lax policy and enforcement
 - –College
 - Local Community
 - -State

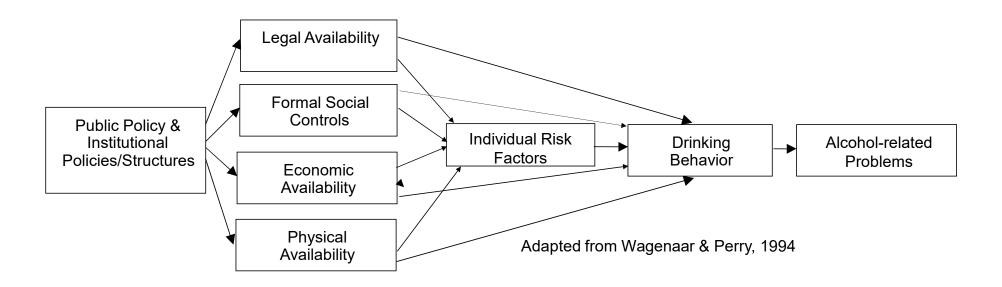
Student drinking part of a larger societal problem with alcohol

- 3rd leading cause of preventable death in the US
 - 1,800 college students
 - 79,000 adults
- Youth tend to drink like the adults around them
- The causes are the same
- The solutions the same too...

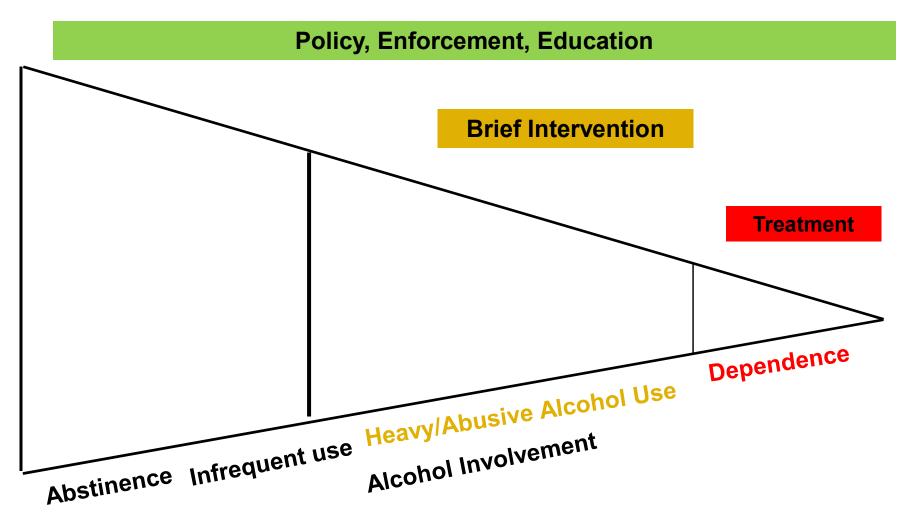
College Systems model



Integrated theory of drinking behavior

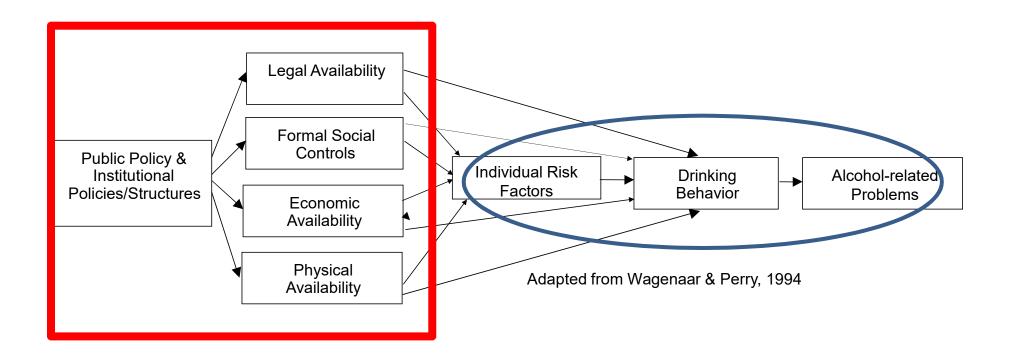


Continuum of Intervention Points for Student Alcohol Use



Adapted from Broadening the Base of Alcohol Treatment (IOM)

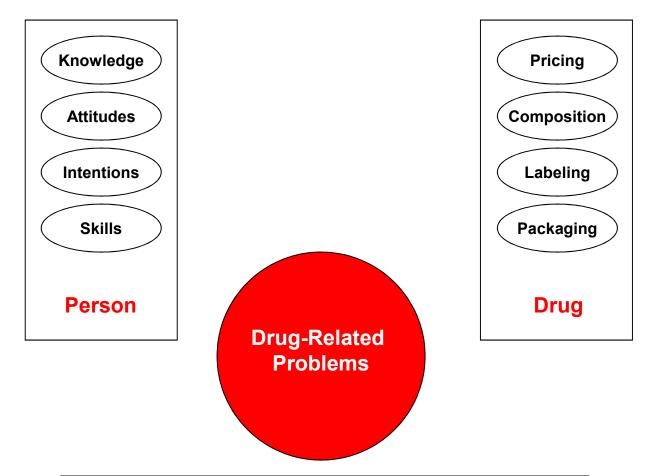
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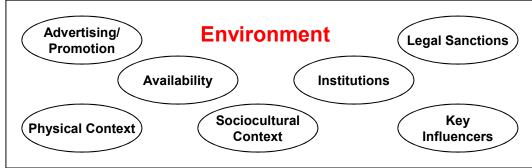


Problems that stem from alcohol use are primarily a function of availability

Individual interventions are unlikely to have sustained effects if we send them back to the same toxic environment







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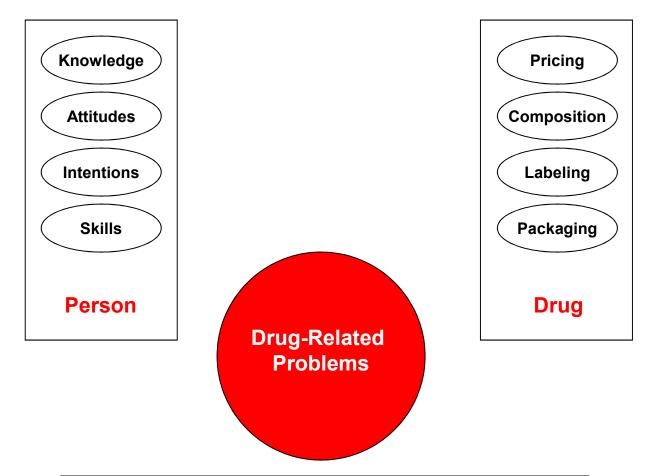
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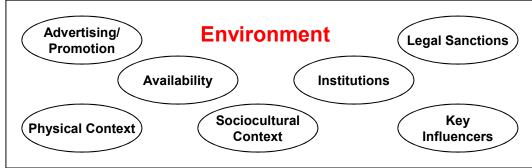


Take the next 5 minutes

By yourself or in a small group-

- Use the Torjman Model
- Identify current performance in each area:
 - Strength
 - Weakness





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Person

Features of the person who consumes alcohol, or characteristics of the drinker

Knowledge: information that people have about alcohol and its related outcomes.

Attitudes: the way people feel about alcohol consumption, including whether it should be consumed, the manner and location in which it should be consumed, and occasions when it should be consumed.

Intentions: peoples' aims or goals to perform specific actions (i.e., consume alcohol) or participate in specific activities (i.e., involving alcohol vs. alcohol-free).

Skills: peoples' ability (actual or potential) to perform specific actions (e.g., resist social pressure to drink).

Drug

Features of the alcoholic beverage itself:

Composition: the form (e.g., beer) and chemical/pharmacological makeup of alcohol (e.g., percent alcohol content).

Labeling: the type of information printed on the package label (e.g., typeset, pictures, graphics, logos, ingredient list, warnings about consuming alcohol).

Packaging: the type of container that alcohol comes in (e.g., size, material).

Pricing: the monetary cost of alcohol, which is affected by various aspects of the economy.

Environment

Features of the surroundings in which a person consumes alcohol, or the boundary between the person and the drug:

Advertising/promotion: the manner in which alcohol is marketed to foster sales, including the content and method of the message and the location in which the message is placed.

Availability: elements that influence the level of difficulty associated with acquiring alcoholic beverages (e.g., age-based sales restrictions, outlet density, hours of operation).

Physical context: the location where alcohol is acquired and/or onsumed (e.g., bar, Greek house).

Environment (cont.)

Legal sanctions: the laws and regulations in place to restrict alcohol use, and to prohibit specific actions in conjunction with its use (e.g., driving under the influence, use of false identification).

Sociocultural context: the social environment in which alcohol is acquired or consumed, and the prevailing attitudes and norms regarding its use (e.g., the amount of alcohol that is deemed appropriate).

Key influencers: people (e.g., parents, family, residence assistants, faculty, peers) who may have social influence over the intervention target (e.g., the consumers of alcohol).

Successful Interventions

Effective interventions (they work!)

+

Broad reach (lots of students – everyone!)

Impact



Recommendations for Reducing College Student Drinking



- Individual interventions for those at-risk for alcohol problems
 - norms clarification
 - cognitive-behavioral skills training
 - motivational interviewing
- Restricting alcohol outlets
- Increasing alcohol prices and taxes
- Responsible beverage service policies
- Maintaining and enforcing
 - age-21 MLDA
 - Impaired driving laws
- Compliance checks in bars



Source: NIAAA College Drinking Task Force (2002)

Implementation of NIAAA College Drinking Task Force Recommendations: How Are Colleges Doing 6 Years Later?

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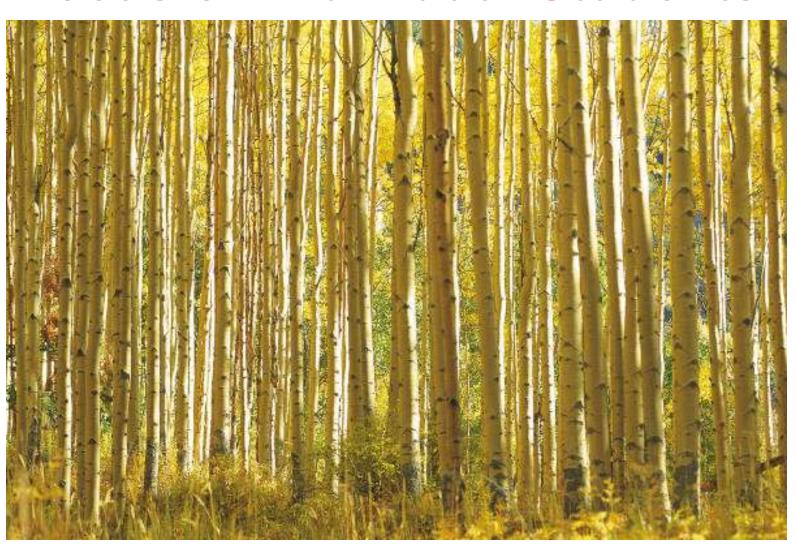
Background: In 2002, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) College Drinking Task Force issued recommendations to reduce heavy drinking by college students, but little is known about implementation of these recommendations. Current discussion about best strategies to reduce student drinking has focused more on lowering the minimum legal drining age as a towarded by a groun of college and university precidents called the Amethyst Littieve than the NAAA recommendations.

Methods: A nationally representative survey of adm signators was conducted at 351 4-year colleges in the United States to ascertain familiarity with and progress toward implementation of NIAAA recommendations. Implementation was compared by enrollment size, public or private status, and whether the school president signed the Amethyst Initiative.

Results: Administrators at most colleges were familiar with NIAAA recommendations, although more than 1 in 5 (22%) were not. Nearly all colleges use educational programs to address student drinking (98%). Half the colleges (50%) offered intervention programs with documented efficacy for students at high risk for alcohol problems. Few colleges reported that empirically supported, community-based alcohol control strategies including conducting compliance checks to monitor illegal alcohol sales (33%), instituting mandatory responsible beverage service (RRS) training (15%) restricting alcohol outlet density (7%) or increasing the price of alcohol

Why aren't colleges implementing recommended interventions?

College-based Interventions Focus on Individual Students



Education

Nearly all colleges educate students about the risks of alcohol use

NIAAA College
Drinking Task
Force found these
approaches were
not effective.



Treating and/or punishing the heaviest drinkers



What are colleges doing?

Medical amnesty

Bystander

intervention Establish a task force

Alcohol-free alternative

events Banning distilled

spirits

Online

education

Safe ride

program

Peer education

Social Norms marketing

Media awareness campaigns



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Existing systems are fractured / siloed

- Within campus
- Between campus and community



Environmental strategy implementation is hard

- Policies occur off-campus
- Lots of barriers
- Negative reaction
- Policy = punishment
- College alcohol prevention staff don't have skills to advocate for policy

Industrial epidemics, public health advocacy and the alcohol industry: lessons from other fields

Addiction, 102, 1335-1339, 2007

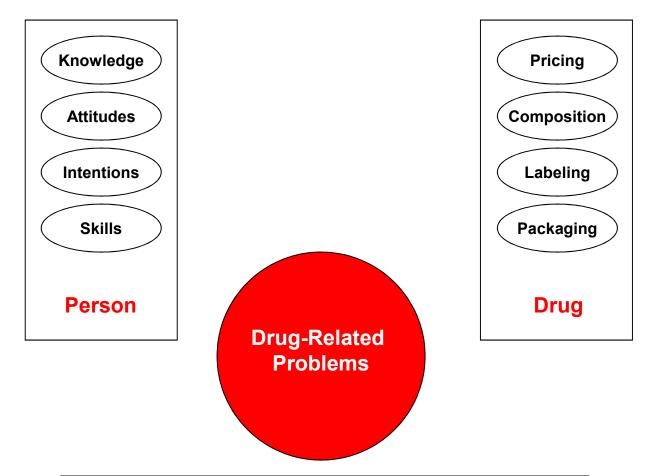
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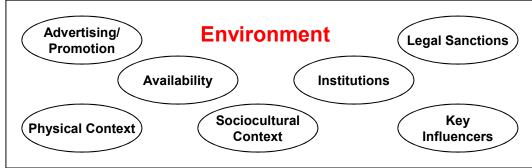
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Unfortunately, many <u>popular</u> strategies... tend to be <u>ineffective</u>; and the more <u>effective</u> strategies... tend to be <u>unpopular</u>.





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How do we implement effective prevention?



Industrial epidemic framework

- Focus on public health considerations
- Draw attention toward upstream sources of damage
- Embrace the fact that health advocates compete with industry for support from policymakers and the public

Use existing tools

Planning Alcohol Interventions Using NIAAA's







Environmental Strategies

Menu of strategies

- Rated according to:
 - -Relative effectiveness
 - -Public Health Reach
 - -Costs
 - Barriers to implementation



COLLEGE AIM







STRATEGY PLANNING WORKSHEET

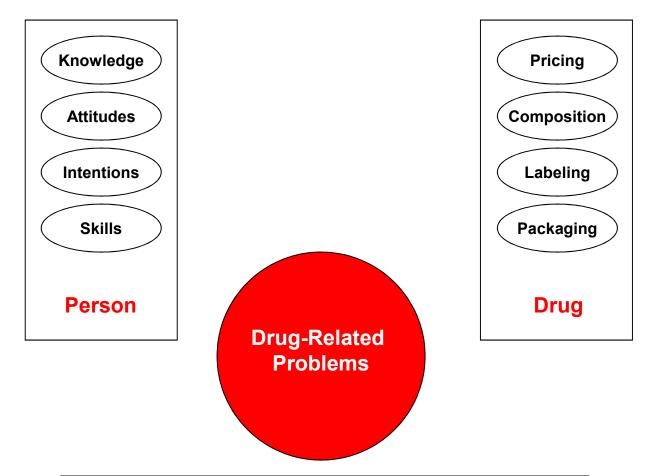
Use this worksheet or download a copy to capture your thoughts about your current strategies and new ones you'd like to explore. Keep in mind:

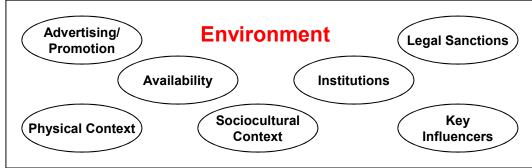
Priorities: Which alcohol-related issues are of most concern to your campus? Make sure your school's needs and goals are well defined, and keep them front and center as you fill in the worksh Effectiveness: Does research show that your current strategies are effective in addressing your priority issues? Might others be more effective?

Balance: Realistically assess what you can do with your available resources. Strike a balance, if possible, between individual- and environmental-level strategies, and between strategies that will few barriers and can be put in place quickly and others that may take longer to implement. Consider the financial cost relative to the program's expected effectiveness and the approximate perce of the student body that the strategy will reach.

CURRENT CTRATECIES

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ENVIRONMENTAL-LEVEL STRATEGIES: Estimated Relative Effectiveness, Costs, and Barriers; Public Health Reach; and Research Amount/Quality¹



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Environmental Strategies

Higher Effectiveness

- Restrict happy hours/price promotions
- Retain ban on Sunday sales
- Retain age-21 drinking age
- Enforce age-21 drinking age
- Increase alcohol tax



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Environmental Strategies (cont.)

Moderate Effectiveness

- Retain or enact restrictions on hours of sales
- Enact social host laws
- Prohibit alcohol use/sale at campus sporting events
- Enact dram shop liability laws; Sales to intoxicated
- Limit number/density of alcohol establishments
- Retain state-run alcohol retail stores
- Enact RBS training laws



Efficacy and the Strength of Evidence of U.S. Alcohol Control Policies

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Background: Public policy can limit alcohol consumption and its associated harm, but no direct comparison of the relative efficacy of alcohol control policies exists for the U.S.

Purpose: To identify alcohol control policies and develop quantitative ratings of their efficacy and strength of evidence.

Methods: In 2010, a Delphi panel of ten U.S. alcohol policy experts identified and rated the efficacy of alcohol control policies for reducing binge drinking and alcohol-impaired driving among both the general population and youth, and the strength of evidence informing the efficacy of each policy. The policies were nominated on the basis of scientific evidence and potential for public health impact. Analysis was conducted in 2010–2012.

Results: Panelists identified and rated 47 policies. Policies limiting price received the highest ratings, with alcohol taxes receiving the highest ratings for all four outcomes. Highly rated policies for reducing binge drinking and alcohol-impaired driving in the general population also were rated highly among youth, although several policies were rated more highly for youth compared with the general population. Policy efficacy ratings for the general population and youth were positively correlated for reducing both binge drinking (r=0.50) and alcohol-impaired driving (r=0.45). The correlation between efficacy ratings for reducing binge drinking and alcohol-impaired driving was strong for the general population (r=0.88) and for youth (r=0.85). Efficacy ratings were positively correlated with strength-of-evidence ratings.

Conclusions: Comparative policy ratings can help characterize the alcohol policy environment, inform policy discussions, and identify future research needs.

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General population

- 1. Alcohol excise taxes (state)
- State Alcohol Control Systems (Monopoly)
- 3. Bans on alcohol sales
- 4. Outlet density restrictions
- 5. Wholesale price restrictions
- 6. Retail price restrictions
- 7. ABCs present, functional, adequately staffed
- 8. Dram shop liability laws
- 9. Hours of sale restrictions
- 10. Restrictions on alcohol consumption in public places, events

Youth population

- 1. Alcohol excise taxes (state)
- 2. Minimum legal drinking age laws
- 3. Bans on alcohol sales
- 4. State Alcohol Control Systems (Monopoly)
- 5. Wholesale price restrictions
- 6. Compliance checks (enforcement of MLDA laws)
- 7. ABCs present, functional, adequately staffed
- 8. Outlet density restrictions
- 9. Furnishing alcohol to minors prohibited
- 10. Retail price restrictions

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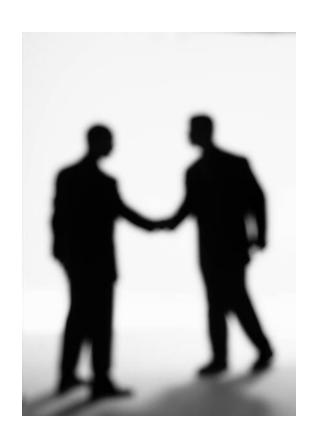
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Identify stakeholders, allies and opponents

Activity 2

Take the next 5 minutes

- List allies or stakeholders who might have an interest in the issue of student drinking and related problems
- Identify their self-interest
- Identify their barriers to engaging or taking steps to address student drinking



Re-frame how you think and talk about environmental strategies

Policies are community standards

- Drinking behaviors that cause problems are not generally acceptable to most in your community
- Make approach to alcohol consistent with your University mission
- Talk about standards early and often
- Engage students in identifying standards

Enforcement makes everyone accountable to community standards

- Informal and formal enforcement
- Communicate about enforcement efforts
- Enforce standards for <u>suppliers</u> of alcohol
- Move away from a 'bad apples' approach

Components of Punishment for Deterrence

- Severity make the punishment bad
- Certainty make the likelihood of punishment high
- Celerity make the consequences quick

Activity 3



 Develop an elevator talk for pursuing interventions to reduce student drinking that work

Your quick pitch

- Who you are
- What you want to accomplish
- How your approach is different
- Why it will work (with data)
- What you want them to do



What else do you need?

- Strengthen your argument
 - Focus on harms (social and individual)
 - Focus on environmental determinants
 - Availability/suppliers of alcohol
- Understand and engage others on their self-interest
- Friends and allies
- Skilled people
- Data, data, data

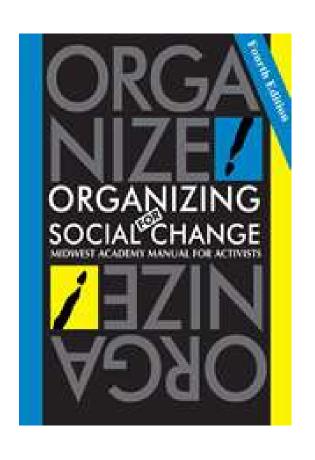
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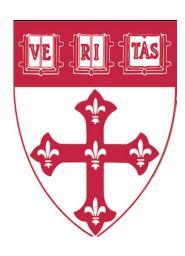
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