# **Delaware SPF-SIG Community Readiness Assessment**

Please  $\boxtimes$  in the square that best reflects your knowledge of substance use and abuse problems and the initiatives/activities designed to prevent them in the community on which you are reporting.

#### RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Age:  1. 12-17 yrs	□36-45 yrs □46-55 yrs □56-65 yrs □66 yrs and older
2. Gender:	
3. Race/Ethnicity (check ALL that apply):  African American/Black  American Indian/Alaskan Native  Asian American  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  White/Caucasian  Other, please specify:	3a. Race/Ethnicity (check which one you most identify with):  African American/Black  American Indian/Alaskan Native  Asian American  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  White/Caucasian  Other, please specify:
4. Please PRINT the name of the SPF-SIG grantee	/community you are reporting for in the box below:
<ul> <li>5. Are you a resident of the community for which y Yes No</li> <li>6. Please identify the group(s) you represent for the (check ALL that apply):</li> </ul>	
Government  Law Enforcement  Youth Serving Organization  Coalition/Council/Task Force	
☐Social/Human Service Agency ☐School ☐Neighborhood/Community Group ☐Public Health	
<ul> <li>☐ Mental Health Service/Provider</li> <li>☐ Faith-Based Organization</li> <li>☐ Substance Abuse Prevention Agency/Provider</li> <li>☐ Substance Abuse Treatment Agency/Provider</li> </ul>	
☐Youth ☐Parent ☐Other, please specify:	

### SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS

7. In <u>your opinion</u> , which ONE substance is of greatest concern for <b>12-17 yr olds</b> in this community?
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Hashish
Cocaine/Crack
Heroin
Hallucinogens
Inhalants
Prescription Drug Misuse (e.g. pain killers, tranquilizers, stimulants or sedatives)
Other, please specify
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8. In <u>your opinion</u> , which ONE substance is of greatest concern for <b>18-20 yr olds</b> in this community?
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Hashish
Cocaine/Crack
Heroin
Hallucinogens
Inhalants
Prescription Drug Misuse (e.g. pain killers, tranquilizers, stimulants or sedatives)
Other, please specify:
9. In <u>your opinion</u> , which ONE substance is of greatest concern for <b>21-25 yr olds</b> in this community?
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Hashish
Cocaine/Crack
Heroin
Hallucinogens
Inhalants
Prescription Drug Misuse (e.g. pain killers, tranquilizers, stimulants or sedatives)
Other, please specify:
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10. In <u>your opinion</u> , which ONE substance is of greatest concern for <b>26-65 yr olds</b> in this community?
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Hashish
Cocaine/Crack
∐Heroin □
Hallucinogens
Inhalants
Prescription Drug Misuse (e.g. pain killers, tranquilizers, stimulants or sedatives)
Other, please specify:
11. In <u>your opinion</u> , which ONE substance is of greatest concern for <b>persons 66 years of age and older</b> in this community
Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Hashish
Cocaine/Crack
Heroin
Hallucinogens
Inhalants
Prescription Drug Misuse (e.g. pain killers, tranquilizers, stimulants or sedatives)
Other, please specify:

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The next five questions ask what you believe **community members'** (i.e. residents of this community) attitudes are regarding substance abuse problems.

12. How much of a problem do **community members** (i.e., residents of this community) think each of the following substances is for **youth ages 12-17**?

	1=Not A Problem	2=A Minor Problem	3=A Significant Problem	
a. Tobacco			1 2 3	Don't Knov
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c. Other Illicit	Drugs (e.g. cocaine, amph	etamines, heroin)		
d. Prescription	Drugs (e.g. pain killers, se	edatives, tranquilizers)		
e. Alcohol				
	of a problem do <b>commun</b> or <b>young adults ages 18 t</b>		of this community) think each of the foll	owing
	1=Not A Problem	2=A Minor Problem	ē	
a. Tobacco				Don't Know
b. Marijuana				
c. Other Illicit	Drugs (e.g. cocaine, amph	etamines, heroin)		
d. Prescription	Drugs (e.g. pain killers, se	edatives, tranquilizers)		
e. Alcohol				
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b. Marijuana				
c. Other Illicit	Drugs (e.g. cocaine, amph	etamines, heroin)		
d. Prescription	Drugs (e.g. pain killers, se	edatives, tranquilizers)		
e. Alcohol				

15. How much of a problem do **community members** (i.e. residents of this community) think each of the following substances is for **adults ages 26 to 65**?

	1=Not A Problem	2=A Minor Problem	3=A Significant Pro		
a. Tobacco				$ \square \square \square \square$	Don't Knov
b. Marijuana				. 🗆 🗆 🗆	
c. Other Illicit Drugs	(e.g. cocaine, ampheta	amines, heroin)		🗆 🗆 🗆	
d. Prescription Drugs	s (e.g. pain killers, sed	atives, tranquilizers)		🗆 🗆 🗆	
e. Alcohol				. 🗆 🗆 🗆	
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a. Tobacco				$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \square & \square & \square \end{array}$	Don't Know
b. Marijuana					
c. Other Illicit Drugs	(e.g. cocaine, ampheta	amines, heroin)			
d. Prescription Drugs	s (e.g. pain killers, sed	atives, tranquilizers)			
e Alcohol					

#### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

The next set of questions asks about your opinion concerning **community members**' attitudes regarding substance abuse prevention. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

17. I think that most residents in this			4.6. 1.5.	
1=Strongly Agree	2=Somewhat Agree	3=Somewhat Disagree	4=Strongly Disagre	e
a. Are concerned about preventing a	lcohol abuse			Don't Know
b. Are concerned with preventing of	her drug abuse			
c. Believe that youth, regardless of of substance abuse				
d. Know about the community progralcohol and drug abuse				
e. Would support community or stat	e ordinances that discourag	ge underage drinking		
f. Believe it is possible to prevent al	cohol and other drug proble	ems among youth		
g. Feel alcohol and other drug preve for the community	ntion programs are a good	investment		
h. Believe that prevention programs substance abuse				
i. Are willing to support substance a with county/city tax dollars	buse prevention programs			
j. Believe that youth, regardless of e	thnicity, are at risk of subst	ance abuse		
k. Feel that it is okay for youth to dr	ink alcohol occasionally			
l. Believe the use of alcohol and oth should be dealt with at home				
m. Believe enforcement of liquor la drunk driving arrests)				
n. Think that the occasional use of n	narijuana is not harmful			
o. Feel that youth should be able to	drink at parties with parenta	al supervision		
p. Believe that it is okay for teens to	drink if they don't drive			
q. Feel that it is okay for adults to di	rive after having one or two	alcoholic drinks		
r. Believe that it is okay for adults to	get drunk occasionally			
s. Think that it is risky to drink alco	hol while taking prescription	on medications		П

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION RESOURCES/ASSETS

18. Communities implement a variety of strategies to prevent alcohol and other drug use. Please indicate the degree to which you feel each of the following strategies is functioning effectively in this community. Check one answer for each strategy.

1=Does Not Exist 2=Ineffective 3=Somewhat Effective 4=Very I	Effective	
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a. Coalition/council/task force that addresses substance abuse		
b. Community policing programs or services.		
c. Community laws and policies that discourage substance abuse (city/county ordinances, zoning, server training)		
d. Enforcement of community laws/policies that discourage substance abuse (citizen watch, server stings)		Ш
e. Media advocacy (press releases/conferences and other media approaches to advocate for policy change)		
f. Social marketing (PSAs, poster campaigns, other health communications aimed at changing behaviors)		
g. Faith-based youth groups		
h. Information distribution (brochures, fact sheets, videos or presentations)		
i. Youth life/social skills training programs (assertiveness, communication, drug refusal, problem-solving)		
j. Parent education programs/parenting skills training		
k. Peer leader or peer helper programs		
1. Mentoring programs		
m. School-based substance abuse education (DARE, health curriculum)		
n. Teen center/club (Rec, drop-in, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club)		
o. Youth community action groups (youth councils)		
p. Structured youth development activities (sports leagues, theater and arts programs)		
q. Supervised after school programs for elementary school students		
r. Local business organizations dedicated to supporting community initiatives		
s. Screening and brief intervention for substance problems		
t. Counseling programs (mental health services)		
u. Adolescent substance abuse treatment services.		
v. Adult substance abuse treatment services.		
w. Recovery support activities (AA and other 12 step groups, recovery centers)		
19. In your opinion, which <b>ONE</b> of the above strategies is most needed in this community?		

#### **BARRIERS**

20. In your opinion, how much do each of the following issues limit or pose a barrier to alcohol and other drug prevention activities in this community?

1	l=Not A Barrier	2=A Moderate Barrier	3=A Large Barrier	
a. Lack of leadership			1 2 3	Don't Know
b. Lack of coordination	n among organizations	and groups		
c. Too few community	members with time or	willingness to volunteer		
d. Lack of consensus o	n how to address subst	tance abuse issues		
e. Lack of political sup	port for substance abu	se prevention		
f. Substance abuse is n	ot considered a priority	y problem in our community		
g. Lack of a strategic p	lan to address substance	ce abuse prevention needs		
h. Insufficient awarene	ss of current efforts ar	nong community members		
i. Limited financial res	ources to address subs	tance abuse in the community		
j. Lack of knowledge o	of effective strategies to	o address substance abuse probler	ms	
k. Lack of community	buy-in that substance a	abuse is an important issue		
1. Lack of trained staff				
m. Lack of programs w	vith culturally compete	ent staff		
n. Perception that subs	tance abuse is a person	nal problem, not a community pro	oblem	

#### **PLANNING**

21. How would you rate the community's level	of readiness to i	nitiate the following s	ubstance abuse pr	evention activitie	es?
1=Not Ready	2=Low	3=Medium	4=High		
a. Collect data on the nature of local substance	abuse problems.		1 2 3 4	Don't Know	
b. Identify available resources for substance aborganizational)					
c. Identify community members' abilities to act community needs (asset mapping)					
d. Secure support for prevention from local poli	icy makers		🗆 🗆 🗆		
e. Utilize needs assessment data to plan prevent	tion programs an	d policies			
f. Develop culturally appropriate prevention pro	ograms and strate	egies			
g. Raise community awareness of substance abo	use problems		🗆 🗆 🗆		
h. Improve services and programs for substance	e abuse prevention	on	🗆 🗆 🗆		
i. Convene community meetings to address sub	stance abuse issu	ies			
j. Collaborate with organizations concerned wit other types of problems (HIV, violence)			🗆 🗆 🗆		
k. Allocate local funds to substance abuse preve	ention in the con	nmunity			
l. Develop policies related to or specifically for in the community					
m. Identify the barriers to substance abuse prev	ention in the cor	mmunity	🗆 🗆 🗆		
n. Develop a strategic plan to address substance	abuse in the con	mmunity	🗆 🗆 🗆		
22. What types of substance abuse prevention dare available in this community? Check <b>ALI</b>			ve factors, and inv	ventories of prog	rams)
Census data Community household surveys Law Enforcement data (arrests, DUI) Key informant interviews Inventory of programs School data (achievement, suspensions, true) School surveys Public meetings or forums Focus groups Alcohol/drug related hospital visits/admissi Public health statistics (mortality/morbidity Public safety data (motor vehicle accidents) None available Don't know Other places specify	ons rates)				

23. What barriers have limited the community's ability to collect data? Check ALL that apply.  The community does not see the need to collect data Lack of understanding of how to collect data Lack of understanding of how to use data Lack of trained volunteers/staff for data collection Lack of trained volunteers/staff to interpret data Lack of community leadership support to collect data Unable to gain access to data sources (schools, students, government personnel, hospital information) Lack of funds to support data collection activities Uncertainty about which data to collect Lack of cooperation among stakeholders Concerns about negative publicity Don't know Other, please specify
24. If your community does collect data, how are the data used? Check ALL that apply.  For strategic planning/program development purposes  For budgeting purposes  To evaluate programs/policies  To advocate for policy change  To leverage grant funding  To connect people with needs to people with resources  To connect youth and adults to natural support systems  The community does not collect data  Don't know  Other, please specify
25. Using the following list, please identify which stage of readiness for change/action for substance abuse prevention best describes this community. Select only <b>ONE</b> .
☐ This community tolerates or encourages substance abuse.
☐ This community has little or no recognition of the substance abuse problem.
☐ This community believes that there is a substance abuse problem, but awareness of the issue is only linked to one or two incidents involving substance abuse.
☐ This community recognizes the substance abuse problem and leaders on the issue are identifiable, but little planning has been done to address problems and risk factors.
☐ This community is planning for substance abuse prevention and focuses on practical details, including seeking funds for prevention efforts.
☐ This community has enough information to justify a substance abuse prevention program and there is great enthusiasm for the initiative as it begins.
☐ This community has created policies and/or more than one substance abuse prevention program is running with financial support and trained staff.
This community views standard substance abuse programs as valuable, new programs are being developed to reach out to at-risk populations and there is ongoing sophisticated evaluation of current efforts.
This community has detailed and sophisticated knowledge of prevalence, risk factors, and substance abuse program effectiveness and the programming is tailored by trained staff to address risk factors within the community.

26. Please provide any additional comments or concerns that you feel are important to understand substance needs and readiness in this community.	e abuse prevention

Please place the completed survey in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope and return it to the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware, 257 E. Main Street, Newark, DE 19716-2582. If you have any questions, please call Steve Martin at the Center 831-6107 or send an email to martin@udel.edu

## THANK YOU!