

Western State College CORE Survey Results from 2010

WSC students took the CORE Alcohol and Drug Survey in 2010

Here are some key findings:

- 93% of the students consumed alcohol in the past year.
- 86% of the students consumed alcohol in the past 30 days.
- 68% of students reported binge drinking in the last 2 weeks (5 or more drinks in one sitting)
- 63% of the students have used marijuana in the past year.
- 45% of the students are current marijuana users.
- 34% have driven a car while under the influence.
- 54% reported some form of public misconduct as a result of drinking or drug use.

WSC students vs. Reference Group

The reference group that WSC was compared to was 58,392 college students across the nation.

- In the last 30 days 86% of WSC students reported using alcohol vs. 68% nationally.
- 41% of WSC students reported drinking 3 times a week or more compared to 24% nationally.
- In the last 30 days 46% of WSC students reported using marijuana vs. 18% nationally.
- In the last 30 days 10% of WSC students reported using hallucinogens vs. 1% nationally. 37% of WSC students say they have used hallucinogens in their life vs. 10% nationally.

Western State College is dedicated to addressing these issues. Through a partnership with GCSAPP they supported a half time Prevention Education Coordinator (PEC) in the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years. That position led to increased awareness on campus about prevention of substance

abuse, alternative activities for students, trainings for all athletes and students living on campus and coordination with all student life offices on campus. The CHOICES program was developed by the PEC and is attended by all students who receive Judicial Sanctions for substance use on campus. Additionally, all students who receive Judicals are required to take the E-Chug assessment which provides information about a person's drinking habits compared to students their own age and acts as a prevention and educational tool for college students.

In 2009 WSC received a two year Department of Education Alcohol Grant and opened the WRAP office on campus. WRAP is Western's Responsible Alcohol Partnership. WRAP will take over where GCSAPP started in terms of prevention programming and personnel for WSC. They have been funded to provide prevention programming and coordination across campus, support for the Judicial process through Residence Life, and they will plan at least one alcohol free event on campus every week. The office has one full-time Coordinator, a half-time Judicial Manager and 2 faculty members who serve as the Project Director and Project Evaluator. GCSAPP will continue to provide minimal funding for WRAP to continue drug prevention awareness since the new grant only allows for alcohol prevention. Since often times drugs and alcohol are used together, GCSAPP will continue to support drug prevention programs to address drug abuse by students.

Prevention Programming at Western State College- 2009-2010 Academic Year

- **CHOICES Classes at WSC for Students Involved with Judicial Hearings**
 - 64 students reached
 - 92% of students did not reoffend in 2009

- **E-chug at WSC**
 - 198 WSC students took e-chug online assessment

- **Prevention Programs for all students**
 - 1,250 students reached through on-campus events
 - 30 alternative activities, seminars and events held for students on prevention related topics.