

FULL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Pennsylvania Higher Education - Alcohol Use Survey

Introduction and Consent to Participate:

You are invited to participate in the Pennsylvania Higher Education Needs Assessment supported by the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), and the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA). You are eligible to participate because you have been identified as a student affairs administrator responsible for providing oversight of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) prevention/intervention for your institution.

The following information is provided in order to help you to make an informed decision whether or not to participate in the survey. This form describes the purpose, procedures, possible benefits, and risks involved with participation. It also explains how your personal information will be used and protected. If you have any questions contact Jeff Hanley, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance, at jeff.hanley@commonwealthpreventionalliance.org.

The primary purpose of this study is for the groups supporting it to collaborate with Pennsylvania colleges and universities to open a discussion relative to college drinking on Commonwealth campuses. The information gained may help expand the knowledge across the state regarding the status of college drinking rates and to better understand the gaps and barriers that exist in effectively addressing the college drinking problem. [This collective information can help state decision makers on their allocation of resources to assist institutes of higher education in their efforts to address these gaps and barriers identified through the assessment.](#)

Your participation is voluntary. You are free to decide not to participate in this assessment or to withdraw at anytime without adversely affecting your relationship with the investigators or supportive agencies. If you begin the needs assessment but wish to withdraw, you may do so at any time. Please note that any data provided prior to withdraw, as well as partially completed surveys, will be included in the collective data set. Participation in this needs assessment survey will require approximately 20-30 minutes and includes 35 questions.

This is an anonymous survey that cannot be tracked back to you. All study data will be secured electronically and viewed by study partners (NABCA, PLCB, CPA, and consultants). Once the state-wide needs assessment is completed, you can review the collective findings in report form.

Participation in this study poses no foreseeable risk to you; not more than those encountered in daily life. Minor risks include the inconvenience of completing the survey. However, if you wish to discuss concerns about any of the topics presented in the survey contact Jeff Hanley, at 724-977-2781. On a personal level, it is likely that you will not see benefits to participation. However, the investigators hope the information discovered may inform you of the statewide issues (beyond your institution) with alcohol misuse and assist in future directions with grant applications and program decisions.

Your responses are important and we hope you will participate. However, you are under no obligation. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of any funding or other benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Your response will be considered only in combination with those from other participants. In addition, the data collected will only be used at the aggregate level. Collective results may be outlined in a report that will be publicly available on the CPA website. In addition, there may be a news release and/or press conference about the report and findings. The information obtained in the study may be published in scientific journals or presented at conferences and scientific meetings. Within all of the above, individual university responses will be kept strictly confidential.

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