



State Drug Laws

In last week's newsletter, we passed along the news that Pennsylvania had joined a growing list of states to ban the sale of Salvia and/or bath salts. Do you know if your state is also on that list? According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 21 states have passed laws related to Salvia use and distribution. Several states, including Florida, Ohio and Kentucky, have classified Salvia as a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning that it is considered to have a high potential for abuse and has no approved medical use. Other states have banned sales to and possession by minors. At least 20 states, including Indiana, West Virginia and Michigan, have passed laws regarding the chemicals in bath salts and at least 14 have legislation pending. Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee are among at least 32 states that have passed laws regarding synthetic cannabinoids like K2 and Spice. Click the links below to see the complete lists and more details. At the same website you can also find state-by-state information on legislation related to marijuana, alcohol and other drugs.

Salvia - www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=19070

Bath salts - <http://www.ncsl.org/?TabId=22432>

K2/Spice - <http://www.ncsl.org/?TabId=22431>

News & Updates

Our newsletter is going out a day early this week because tomorrow will be filled with getting everything ready for the Summer Retreat which begins Friday. We are looking forward to a great time of learning and sharing! If you are not able to attend and would like a copy of the notes from the advisors' discussions, please contact patti@prideyouthprograms.org.

We have been having a great week here at the National Office getting to know the 2011-2012 International Training Team! They are a great group, ready and excited to help you and your team in whatever way they can.

Now that we have started a new month (can you believe it's July already?!), please remember to send in last month's activity report. Contact louanne@prideyouthprograms.org if you need an activity report form.

PRIDE2012 News

You may have noticed that the dates for PRIDE2012, April 4-6, are a Wednesday-Thursday-Friday rather than the usual Thursday-Friday-Saturday. This was a change discussed at the advisor meeting during conference. Among other benefits, it will also allow us to conclude events on Friday afternoon for attendees who wish to return home to observe religious holidays during that weekend. While the change in days will not affect the content or events of conference, it will be important to keep in mind while your team plans.

Drop in Binge Drinking at University of Iowa

The University of Iowa recently reported an 8% decrease in student binge drinking since spring 2009. The number is at its lowest level in the last 10 years. The same survey, provided by the American College Health Association, found that nearly all negative consequences of binge drinking decreased as well. The number of students reporting they had done something they regretted after drinking decreased 24%. The same 24% decrease was found in the number of students who reported driving after drinking. Tom Rocklin, the university's vice president for student life, said that this decrease "represents almost 1,200 fewer students engaging in high-risk drinking." These promising figures come on the heels of a number of new strategies, training programs and resources which have been implemented by the university and its hometown, Iowa City. One effective strategy has been a new ordinance enacted by Iowa City that prohibits anyone under 21 from entering a bar after 10:00 pm. Read more at <http://freshstory.org/blogs/freshstory.php?p=144&more=1&>