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New website provides North Dakota substance use data

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division, in partnership with the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), has launched the Substance Use North Dakota (SUND) data website: SUND.nd.gov. The new website provides data on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug consumption patterns, consequences and contributing factors in North Dakota.

People can use the data to develop community needs assessments, assist in planning, prioritization and program development, and prepare presentations, reports, grant applications and more.

“Research has shown the importance of using data to guide effective and targeted prevention efforts,” said Laura Anderson, prevention administrator for the North Dakota Department of Human Services. “SUND.nd.gov was created to provide a one-stop shop for individuals to find data to guide decision-making.”

Individuals can currently search SUND.nd.gov for data from these sources: National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, CORE Alcohol and Other Drug Survey, Uniform Crime Report, and the Community Readiness Survey.

Anderson said the website allows individuals to search data based on substance type, regions, grade level, age and year. Data can be viewed and exported in multiple formats including tables and bar graphs.

SUND.nd.gov is a collaborative effort of the North Dakota State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), which is comprised of over 15 private and public organizations.

The Department of Human Services established the workgroup in 2006 to identify, analyze, and communicate key substance abuse and related behavioral health data to guide programs, policies and practices. To learn more, visit prevention.nd.gov/data.

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