

INDIANA COLLEGE SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY (ICSUS) CAMPUS PREVENTION AND THE SPF

ICSUS data informs and enhances campus prevention work across all stages of the Strategic Prevention Framework.

❖ **Assessment:**

ICSUS helps colleges and communities assess the scope of substance use, mental health challenges, and risk factors among students. Focused local-level data in combination with statewide comparison data is invaluable for effective prevention planning.

❖ **Capacity Building:**

ICSUS empowers schools to build their prevention capacity. Through ICSUS data sharing and utilization, institutions can strengthen coordination across student-facing departments on campus, and increase collaboration with community stakeholders off campus.

❖ **Strategic Planning:**

ICSUS data enables schools to develop data-driven, evidence-based prevention strategies and approaches. When schools tailor interventions to address student beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors, they ensure their efforts are relevant and effective. ICSUS data is a crucial contribution to community-wide efforts to reduce substance use across the life span.

❖ **Implementation:**

ICSUS data can guide the adaptation of prevention strategies to reach high-risk and other priority sub-populations within the overall student population.

❖ **Evaluation:**

ICSUS supports ongoing evaluation by providing baseline and follow-up data over time. Schools can measure the effectiveness of their prevention initiatives by comparing pre- and post-intervention outcomes, ensuring continuous improvement and success in reducing substance use.

