Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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OUTPATIENT SERVICES
Regional West Medical Center Behavioral Health Services
Medical Plaza North
4021 Avenue B
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3711

Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN)
975 Crescent Drive
Gering, NE 69341
(308) 633-5766 (24/7 Crisis Line)

Addiction Counseling and Consultation Services, Inc.
1917 Avenue A, Scottsbluff NE 69361
(308) 633-1390

INPATIENT TREATMENT FACILITIES/SERVICES
Human Services Incorporated
(Adult Short-term Residential Treatment)
419 West 25th Street
Alliance, NE 69301
(308) 762-7177

Northeast Panhandle Substance Abuse Center (NEPSAC)
224 Main Street
Chadron, NE 69337
(308) 282-1101

VA Black Hills Health Care System Hospital
500 North 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747
(605) 745-2000

HALF-WAY HOUSE AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS
The Foundation Clean and Sober Living Home
(For Men)
3707 Avenue D
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 575-0693

Human Services Incorporated
(Transitional Living Program)
419 West 25th Street
Alliance, NE 69301
(308) 762-7177

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ALLIANCE CAMPUS
1750 Sweetwater Avenue
Alliance, NE 69301
308.763.2000

SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS
1601 E. 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308.635.3606

SIDNEY CAMPUS
371 College Drive
Sidney, NE 69162
308.254.5450
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
Western Nebraska Community College's standards of conduct clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of any of its recognized activities. There is one exception to this rule; WNCC’s Board of Governors has in place a limited process by which an organization may request alcohol at a specified event. Any such request must be in writing, be specifically approved by the Board of Governors in advance, and must be in complete conformity with the requirements of law.

A student or employee who violates the College’s alcohol and drug policies is subject to both the institution’s sanctions and to criminal sanctions. The laws of local, state, and federal authorities pertaining to the possession and use of illicit drugs and alcoholic beverages on public property shall be followed. Specifically, this means it is a violation of the drug and alcohol policy for students or employees to purchase, manufacture, possess, consume, or sell such items on campus.

Disciplinary Sanctions
Student violations of the standards as stated in the above paragraphs shall result in one or a combination of the following disciplinary sanctions:
• verbal warning
• written warning
• loss of privileges
• discretionary sanctions
• disciplinary probation
• on campus housing relocation
• on campus housing suspension
• on campus housing expulsion
• referral to an appropriate drug/alcohol treatment program
• referral to law enforcement agencies
• college suspension
• college expulsion
• any other action considered necessary by college officials

Definitions and accompanying procedures of these sanctions pertaining to students can be found in the Student Handbook. Student rights shall be protected in accordance with due process. Students accused of violating the drug/alcohol policy shall have the right to: notice of the charges, an opportunity to be heard, an opportunity to request a Student Conduct Board Hearing for behavior for which suspension, dismissal or expulsion may result, and access to an appeal process as set forth in college policies and procedures.

LEGAL SANCTIONS
Legal Sanctions Under Nebraska Law for Violating Controlled Substances Statutes*

Unlawful Distribution and Manufacture: Felony
• Penalty based on drug type and quantity
  Class IB Felony: Maximum Life Imprisonment; Minimum 20 years
  Class I Felony: Mandatory Minimum five years imprisonment
  Class I D Felony: 3-50 years imprisonment
  Class II Felony: 1-50 years imprisonment
  Class IIA: 0-20 years imprisonment

Possession of Controlled Substance: Felony
Maximum: two years imprisonment and 12 months post-release supervision or $10,000 fine or both;
Minimum: none for imprisonment and nine months post-release supervision if imprisonment is imposed

Possession of Marijuana
More than one pound: Felony
Max two years imprisonment & 12 months post-release supervision, or a $10,000 fine or both
More than one ounce but not more than one pound:
Misdemeanor seven days imprisonment and/or a $500 fine

One ounce or less: Infraction or Misdemeanor
First Offense: Citation, $300 fine, drug education course
Second Offense: Citation, $400 fine, jail up to five days
Third Offense: Citation, $500 fine, jail up to seven days

Possession of Cocaine: Felony
• Any detectable amount up to 10 grams
  Maximum: two years imprisonment and 12 months post-release supervision or $10,000 fine or both;
  Minimum: none for imprisonment and nine months post-release supervision if imprisonment is imposed

Exceptionally Hazardous Drugs: Felony
• Any detectable amount
  Maximum: two years imprisonment and 12 months post-release supervision or $10,000 fine or both;
  Minimum: none for imprisonment and nine months post-release supervision if imprisonment is imposed

*Federal sanctions may also apply

REALITY IS OFTEN DISTORTED, REACTIONS MAY BE SLOWER, AND THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS INCREASES. EXTENDED SUBSTANCE ABUSE CAN CAUSE COMA, RESPIRATORY ARREST, AND CONVULSIONS. INJECTED DRUGS INCREASE THE RISK FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES SUCH AS HEPATITIS AND AIDS. BODY SYSTEMS ARE AFFECTED. THE LIVER, LUNGS AND HEART ARE DAMAGED.

For women, there is an increase in birth defects associated with use during pregnancy. The WNCC Counseling Office has more in-depth information on the inherent health risks related to substance abuse.

PREVENTION PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES
• Alcohol-Free activities
• Awareness campaigns
• New Student Orientation
• Student Life / Residence Life training
• On campus housing orientations
• Housing policies and procedures
• Specific drug and alcohol prevention activities
• Student Code of Conduct policies and procedures

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CENTERS*
The Counseling Office offers individual and group counseling as well as substance abuse, evaluation and education to assist students in their time of need. There are also numerous drug and alcohol counseling, treatment and rehabilitation centers located within the 12 ½ county area served by WNCC.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL OFFICES

WNCC Counseling Office
(308) 635-6090
Alcoholics Anonymous
http://www.area41.org
Wyo-Braska Area of Narcotics Anonymous
http://www.wyo-braskana.org/
Nebraska Family Helpline
(888) 866-8660
http://dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral_health/Pages/nebraskafamilyhelpline_index.aspx

Incorporating Health Risks
Numerous health risks have been identified with substance abuse (use of illicit drugs and excessive use of alcohol). Abusers can lose resistance to disease, develop physical and psychological dependence, become depressed, develop heart problems, contract infections, or become malnourished, physically exhausted and even die.