Alcohol at UB

Student Affairs

• UB uses data from:
  – Wellness
  – University Residence Halls & Apartments
  – Judicial Affairs
  – University Police
  – Student Life
  – Counseling
  – Transportation
  – First Year Student Programs
Impact of Alcohol

- Hospitalization
- Sexual aggression
- Assault
- Vandalism
- Suicide
- Depression
- Absenteeism
- Academic Performance
- DUI
- Gateway substance
- Property Damage
- Accidents
- Death

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- 86 alcohol related hospitalizations in 2007-2008
- 285 Alcohol “incidents” in residence halls and apartments in 07-08
- Resulting in 625 students charged
- 90% of all damage is alcohol related
- 324 SWJ Incidents 2005-2008
  - Including
    - 51 Charges of impaired driving
    - 259 Charges of possession of alcohol
    - 61 Charges of distribution of alcohol
Response?

• Universally recognized as a major issue
• Numerous programs and activities in place to respond (University Residence Halls & Apartments, Wellness, Late Night, Student Activities, UB101)
• Many resources have been directed to addressing the issue (Counseling, University Police, University Residence Halls & Apartments)
• Most responses come from individual units

Issues

• Are consequences for alcohol consistent?
• Need for a coordinated response to issue of alcohol
• Need for a comprehensive coordinated education plan – What messages? When? Integration into curriculum
• Lack of Student Association support
• House parties
• Bars that serve underage students
Programming includes:

- Alcohol.edu
- Wellness Grants
- Late Night Programming
- Life and Learning Workshops
- Judicial Affairs Alcohol Speaker
- URH&A Weekend Programming
- Recreation and Intramurals Programs
- UB Safer
- Interventions
- Mandated Assessments

How UB measures impact:

- Number of Transports
- Amount of URH&A Damage
- Number of DUI’s
- Number of Alcohol Incidents
- Decrease in disproportionality of Freshmen in transports
- Decrease in NCHA reported binges
- Decrease in NCHA number of drinks in a sitting
Future Efforts?

• Continue to identify best practices for education, sanctions and alternative programming
• Continue to coordinate education and messaging plan
• Promote alternative programming plan with all stakeholders
• Work with partners
• Assess impacts

For more information:

• Wellness:  
  www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/shs

• Programming:  
  www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/studentlife

• Policies:  
  www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/judicial