



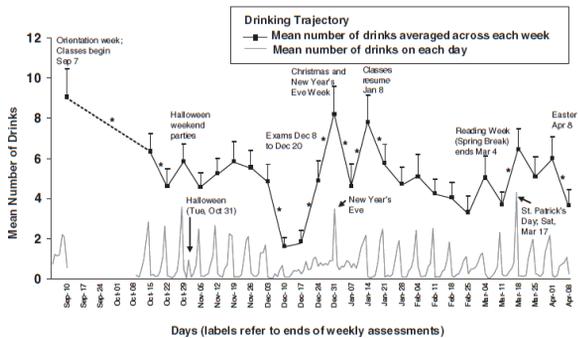
## Substance Use Data from Monitoring the Future Study



- Alcohol
  - Past year
    - 76.1% report any alcohol use
    - 60.5% report having been drunk
  - Past month
    - 63.1% report any alcohol use
    - 42.6% report having been drunk



Source: Johnston, et al (2015)



Daily and weekly alcohol consumption over academic year. Error bars (95% CI) are shown above the mean only. Asterisks (\*) refer to significant adjacent week differences (Bonferroni adjusted level of  $p < .002$ ) (Tremblay, et al., 2010)

## Alcohol-Related Consequences

n = 74,438 undergraduate students at 108 institutions in sample from Spring 2015

- Among undergraduate students who drink, within the past 12 months as a consequence of drinking...
  - 35.5% did something they later regretted
  - 31.5% forgot where they were/what they did
  - 21.6% had unprotected sex
  - 14.6% physically injured themselves



These are “negative consequences,” right?

American College Health Association, 2015



## Relationship Between Alcohol Use and Academic Success

- Relationship between alcohol, sleepiness, and GPA exists in college (Singleton & Wolfson, 2009)
- Heavy drinking associated with lower GPA, and students at research universities who are heavy episodic drinkers are less likely to be engaged in interactions with faculty (Porter & Prior, 2007)
- Frequency of binge drinking associated with lower grades in college setting (Pascarella, et al., 2007)

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## Messaging

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## Prevention/Intervention Approaches

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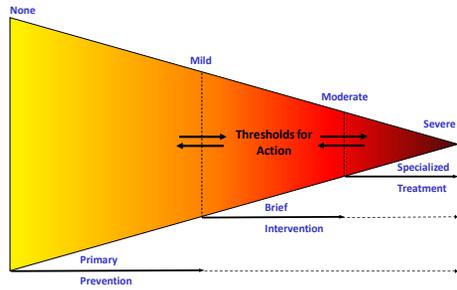
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## Spectrum of Intervention Response



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## Traditional approaches to prevention

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## An alternative approach: Harm Reduction

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## What is Harm Reduction?

- The most harm-free or risk-free outcome after a harm reduction intervention is abstinence.
- However, harm reduction approaches acknowledge that *any steps toward reduced risk are steps in the right direction*

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## How are these principles implemented?

- Legal issues are acknowledged.
- Skills and strategies for abstinence are offered.
- However, if one makes the choice to drink, skills are described on ways to do so in a less dangerous and less risky way.
- A facilitator, provider, or student affairs professional must elicit personally relevant reasons for changing.
  - This is done using the Stages of Change model and Motivational Interviewing.

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## The Stages of Change Model

(Prochaska & DiClemente, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986)



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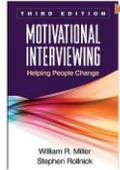
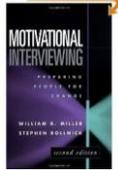
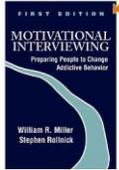
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## Motivational Interviewing



Miller & Rollnick, 1992, 2002, 2012

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## Brief Interventions and Motivational Interviewing

Non-judgmental	Non-confrontational	Meet people where they are
Elicit personally relevant reasons to change	Explore and resolve ambivalence	Discuss behavioral change strategies when relevant

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## What is resistance?

- Resistance is verbal behaviors
- It is expected and normal
- It is a function of interpersonal communication
- Continued resistance is predictive of (non) change
- Resistance is highly responsive to our style

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## Goals of a Brief Intervention

When there are signs of potential risks and/or existing harms, provide early intervention

If ultimately in line with what motivates the individual, prompt contemplation of change

If ultimately in line with what motivates the individual, prompt commitment to change or even initial action

Reduce resistance/defensiveness

Explore behavior change strategies and discuss skills to reduce harms

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## OARS:

### Building Blocks for a Foundation

- Ask **Open-Ended Questions**
  - Cannot be answered with yes or no
  - Professional does not know where answer will lead
    - “What do you make of this?”
    - “Where do you want to go with this now?”
    - “What ideas do you have about things that might work for you?”
    - “How are you feeling about everything?”
    - “How’s the school year going for you?”
    - “Tell me more about that.”
      - This is different than the closed-ended “Can you tell me more about that?” or “Could you tell me more about that?”

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What open-ended questions could you ask that might prompt...

...consideration of “consequences”?

...change talk?

...consideration of strategies for making changes?

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## Finding potential hooks, change talk, and behavior change strategies: An Example

- "What are the good things about \_\_\_\_\_ use for you?"
- "What are the 'not-so-good' things about \_\_\_\_\_ use?"
- "What would it be like if some of those not-so-good things happened less often?"
- "What might make some of those not-so-good things happen less often?"

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## Norms

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### Social norms: Perception versus reality

- People are influenced by their subjective interpretation of a situations rather than by the actual situation (Lewin, 1943).
- We are influenced by our perception of others' attitudes, behaviors, and expectations rather than by their actual attitudes, behaviors, or expectations.
- Our perceptions and interpretations are often inaccurate.

Source: Neighbors & Kilmer (2008)

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## Norms Clarification

- Examines people's perceptions about:
  - Acceptability of excessive behavior
  - Perceptions about the prevalence of drinking by those around them
  - Perception about the rates of drinking by those around them (including the "typical" person)



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## Social norms mass media campaigns

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## Expectancies

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EXPECT

		Alcohol	No Alcohol
GET	Alcohol		
	No Alcohol		

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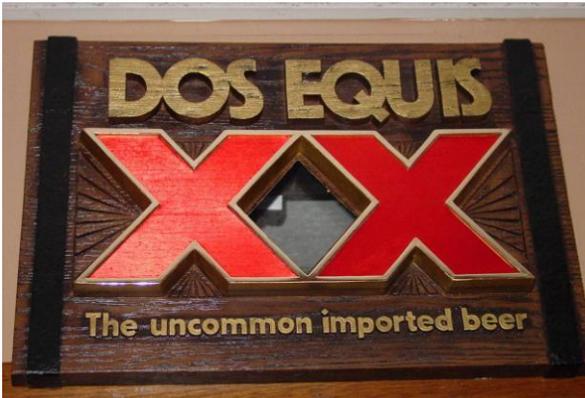
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## Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP)

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## Alcohol Skills Training Program

- Fromme, Kivlahan and Marlatt (1986)
- Compared skills training program to an alcohol information school

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## *Reducing harms*

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## Questions...



- When people start to lose their buzz, what do they usually do?
- Do they ever get that same buzz back?
- For people with tolerance, is the buzz you get now as good as the buzz you used to get when you first started drinking?

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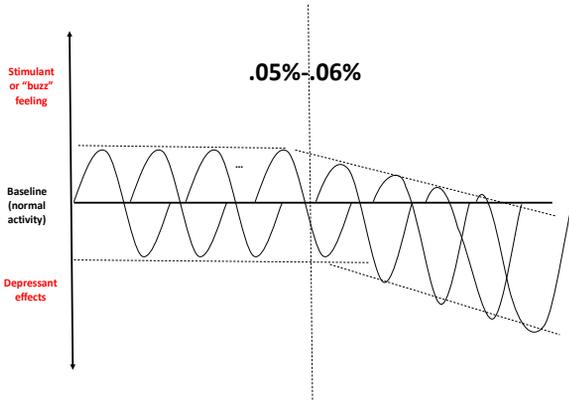
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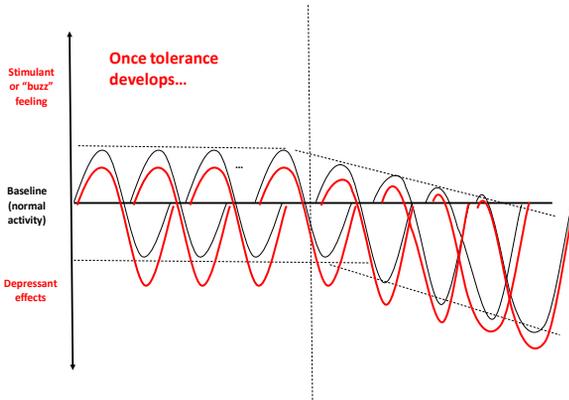
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## ASTP

- **Content reviewed in ASTP**
  - Expectancies
  - Standard drink and norms
  - Absorption/Oxidation
  - BAC/BAL, associated effects, tolerance
  - Alcohol's biphasic effect
  - Distribution of blood alcohol charts
  - Consequences
  - Harm reduction strategies

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## ASTP

- **ASTP is delivered in a group setting**
  - Alcohol content and the skills-training information is introduced in a more structured way throughout the program

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## BASICS

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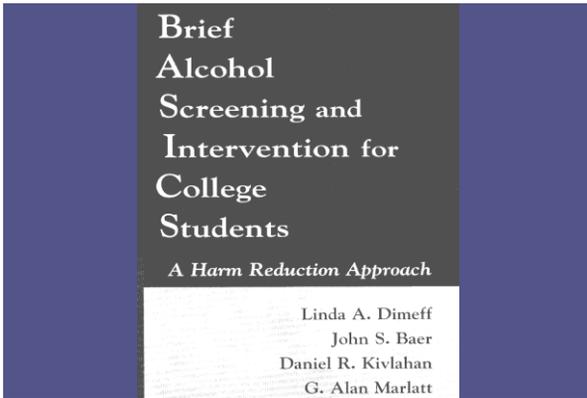
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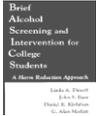
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## The Basics on BASICS

Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention For College Students

- Assessment
- Self-Monitoring
- Feedback Sheet
- Review of Information and Skills Training Content



(Dimeff, Baer, Kivlahan, & Marlatt, 1999)

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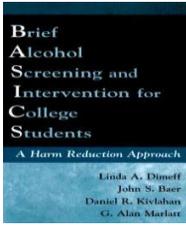
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## What does it mean to “do” BASICS?



- The “AS” is the alcohol screening
  - Originally a separate in-person session
  - Subsequently achieved online, but BASICS does require a screening
- The “I” is the intervention
  - Originally a *second* in-person session guided by personalized graphic feedback
  - Personalized graphic feedback delivered online/in-print (PFI) is *not* BASICS
  - Intervention must be delivered with fidelity (meaning adherence to MI spirit, style, and strategies)

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## In-person intervention with no graphic feedback

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### MI in Health Care Settings: College Health Centers



Grossberg, P., et al., (2010). Inside the physician's black bag: Critical ingredients of brief interventions, *Substance Abuse*, 31, 240-250

- **Adherence to MI is the key!**
- “The most reliable interaction components did indeed reflect underlying core principles of MI (p. 243).”
- Identified the **Top 10 Clinical Tools** and relation with MI Principles:
  - Express Empathy (EE)
  - Develop Discrepancy (DD)
  - Support Self-Efficacy (SSE)
  - Roll with Resistance (RWR)

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Top 10 Clinical Tools	EE	DD	SSE	RWR
1) Drinking likes & dislikes	X			X
2) Life goals & alcohol use		X		
3) Reducing risk agreement			X	
4) Feedback on alcohol use, binges per month	X			
5) Tracking number of drinks			X	X
6) Readiness to change (1-10 scale)				X
7) Drinking consequences: Overall compared with college students nationally		X		X
8) Drinking consequences: Calories		X		X
9) Drinking consequences: BAC		X		X
10) Alcohol norms: Personal use compared with peers' use		X	X	X

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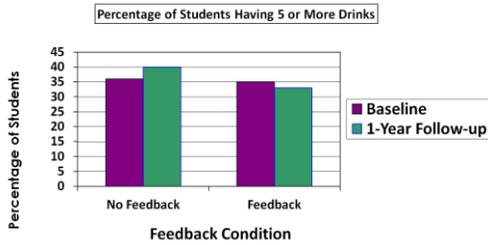
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Source: Larimer, et al. (2007)

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### Motivating Campus Change (MC<sup>2</sup>)

- Abstainers in the feedback condition were twice as likely to remain abstinent at follow-up compared to controls (odds ratio = 2.02) ( $B = 0.70, X^2(1, N=234) = 6.88, p < .01$ )

Source: Larimer, et al. (2007)

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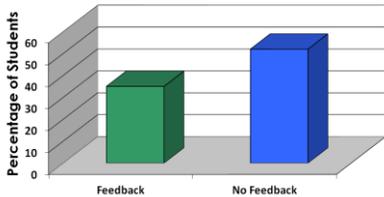
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Of Abstainers at Baseline, Percentage of Students Initiating Drinking at 1-year Follow-up by Feedback Condition



Source: Larimer, et al. (2007)

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## **Motivating Campus Change (MC<sup>2</sup>)**

- Protective behaviors mediated intervention efficacy ( $F(1,854) = 8.17, p < .01$ )
- Participants who received the intervention increased the frequency of protective behaviors relative to the control group

Source: Larimer, et al. (2007)

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## **Web-based graphic feedback**

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## ***A sample of findings of web-based personalized feedback interventions (PFI)***

- 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays – reduced BAC levels on day of 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (Neighbors, et al., 2009)
- Alcohol-related risky sexual behaviors (Lewis, et al., 2014)
- Recently published study reviewed 32 electronic/web-based interventions, including several commercially available products (Cronce, Bittinger, Liu, & Kilmer, 2014):  
<http://www.arcr.niaaa.nih.gov/arcr/arcr361/article05.pdf>

Source: Larimer, et al. (2007)

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## Screening

### Many of these conversations may not be happening

- Hingson, et al., (2012) identified respondents who ever drank alcohol and had seen a physician in the past year
- Only 14% of those exceeding low risk drinking guidelines were asked and advised about risky drinking by their physician
- 18-25 year olds were most likely to exceed guidelines but were least often asked about drinking



Hingson, et al (2012)

### Early identification of students and coordination of care

**Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)**

Please indicate how often you do the following:

1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?	2. How often do you have 4 or more drinks on one occasion?	3. How often do you have drinking or drinking-related problems?	4. How often do you feel unable to stop drinking once you have started?	5. How often do you have morning drinking?	6. How often do you have alcohol-related problems which have caused you to get into trouble?	7. How often do you have alcohol-related problems which have caused you to be unable to do your work?	8. How often do you have alcohol-related problems which have caused you to be unable to look after your home or family?	9. How often do you have alcohol-related problems which have caused you to be unable to look after your health?	10. How often do you have alcohol-related problems which have caused you to be unable to look after your driving or to get into an accident?
Never	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8	9 or 10	11 or 12	13 or 14	15 or 16	17 or 18
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- **Alcohol:**
  - Efficacy of screening and brief motivational interventions in health centers has been established (Fleming et al., 2010; Schaus et al., 2009)
  - Hingson (2010) suggests that increased screening and intervention in health services could ultimately achieve population level benefits.

## Potential barriers related to screening

- Selecting screening measures with adequate sensitivity/specificity
- Training
- Resistance toward conducting screenings
  - Concern about more work for providers
  - Concern about what to do when there's a positive screen and/or where to refer
- "Real world" issues related to resources
- Still requires that a student come to a Health Center or Counseling Center

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## Application to groups

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## Motivational Enhancement Techniques: Group Settings

- Non-judgmental, non-confrontational
- Cast a wide net to be inclusive of audience
- Ask open-ended questions as much as possible
- Reflect when possible – this remains key
- Consider "hooks" for the group
- Elicit personally relevant reasons for change
- Let group generate protective behavioral strategies, then fill in what they miss

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## Collectively, they can all be a part of the mix of strategies considered through CollegeAIM

**INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL STRATEGIES:** Estimated Relative Effectiveness, Costs, and Barriers; Public Health Reach; Research Amount; and Primary Modality<sup>1</sup>



EFFECTIVENESS: Success in achieving targeted outcomes	COSTS: Combined program and staff costs for adoption/implementation and maintenance		
	Lower costs \$	Mid-range costs \$\$	Higher costs \$\$\$
High effectiveness ***	<p><b>RD-3</b> Narrative re-education/education/individual personalized narrative feedback (PE)<sup>2</sup>—Generalist/other (R, E, **+, video/VR)<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RD-10</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Self—monitoring/feedback/reminder/alert<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, video/VR)<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RD-21</b> Personalized feedback intervention (PE): CHECK UP To 50 parents, re-CDAP (R, E, **+, video)</p>	<p><b>RD-4</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Guided/interactive/setting/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-12</b> Skills training, alcohol abuse/peer or skills—Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-18</b> Brief motivational enhancement skills re-PEI<sup>5</sup>—Individual (e.g., MAGEC) (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-22</b> Personalized feedback intervention (PE): Generalist/other (R, E, **+, video)</p>	<p><b>RD-17</b> Multi-component education-focused program (ACEFP): Remotified for College (R, E, **+, video)</p> <p><b>Intervention Delivered by Health Care Professionals</b></p> <p>Challenges in which health care professionals identify and help diagnose when existing problems and their at risk for harm, or who are already experiencing alcohol-related problems:</p> <p><b>RD-23</b> Screening and behavioral treatment</p> <p><b>RD-24</b> Medications for alcohol use disorder</p> <p>These approaches can reduce harmful drinking, according to studies conducted mainly in general adult populations (ages 18–65).</p>
Moderate effectiveness **		<p><b>RD-5</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Community challenge intervention (CE)—Experiential (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-13</b> Skills training, alcohol abuse/peer or skills—Personalized communication training (R, E, **+, video)</p> <p><b>RD-14</b> Skills training, alcohol abuse/peer or general—By skills only/Generalist/other (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-15</b> Brief motivational enhancement (BME): In-person—Group (R, E, **+, PE)</p>	<p><b>RD-16</b> Narrative re-education/in-person norms clarification/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-1</b> Information/knowledge/practice/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-6</b> Values clarification/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-8</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Brief alcohol concentration feedback/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-18</b> Multi-component education-focused programs (ACEFP): Remotified/other (R, E, **+, video)</p>
Lowest effectiveness *	<p><b>RD-2</b> Narrative re-education/education/individual personalized narrative feedback (PE) (E, **+, video/VR)<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RD-7</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Community challenge intervention (CE)—By primary/secondary/discussion/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-11</b> Skills training, alcohol abuse/peer or skills: Alcohol 201 (R, E, **+, video)</p> <p><b>RD-19</b> Personalized feedback intervention (PE): Check/Checkup/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, video)</p> <p><b>RD-20</b> Personalized feedback intervention (PE): College Checkup<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, video)</p>	<p><b>RD-9</b> Narrative re-education/in-person norms clarification/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-1</b> Information/knowledge/practice/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p> <p><b>RD-4</b> Skills training, alcohol focus: Brief alcohol concentration feedback/alone<sup>4</sup> (R, E, **+, PE)</p>	<p><b>Intervention Delivered by Non-Health Care Professionals</b></p> <p>Challenges in which health care professionals identify and help diagnose when existing problems and their at risk for harm, or who are already experiencing alcohol-related problems:</p> <p><b>RD-23</b> Screening and behavioral treatment</p> <p><b>RD-24</b> Medications for alcohol use disorder</p> <p>These approaches can reduce harmful drinking, according to studies conducted mainly in general adult populations (ages 18–65).</p>
No effect			
Too few studies to rate effectiveness			

See brief descriptions and additional ratings for each individual-level strategy on the summary table beginning on page 13.  
<sup>1</sup> Effectiveness ratings are based on the percentage of studies reporting any positive outcomes (see legend). Strategies with at least three studies were not rated for effectiveness due to the limited data on which to base a conclusion. Cost ratings are based on the relative program and staff costs for adoption, implementation, and maintenance of a strategy. Actual costs will vary by institution, depending on size, existing programs, and other campus and community factors. Barriers to implementing a strategy include cost and opposition among other factors. Public health reach refers to the number of students that a strategy affects. Strategies with a broad reach affect all students or large groups of students (e.g., all incoming students) or with a focused reach affect individuals or small groups of students (e.g., sanctioned students). Research amount refers to the number of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) of a strategy (see legend).  
<sup>2</sup> Strategies are listed by broad name (e.g., Check/Checkup) if they were evaluated by at least two RCTs, or single labeled generalities have similar components and were not identified by name in the research or were evaluated by only one RCT (strategies listed parenthetically have the same approach but were different components).  
<sup>3</sup> Although this approach is a component of larger, effective programs such as MAGEC and ACEFP, PE evaluated here as a standalone intervention.

## Possible Barriers to Implementing Effective Interventions on College Campuses

- Barriers can exist to dissemination, adoption, implementation, and maintenance (Rogers, 1995)



Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

Possible Barriers to Dissemination in Implementing Effective Interventions

- **Published findings appear in journals not oriented to clinicians** (Sobell, 1996)
  - Often, little description of steps needed to apply a treatment or intervention
- **Some publications or evaluations are not “user friendly”** (Backer, 2000)

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible Barriers to Adoption in Implementing Effective Interventions

- **Reactions from key individuals involved in the process** (DeJong and Langenbahn, 1996)
- **Diversity of opinion around how to proceed**
  - Could lead to difficulty in committing

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible Barriers to Adoption in Implementing Effective Interventions

- **Unreasonable expectations** (Liddle, et al., 2002)
- **Insufficient “buy-in”** (Liddle, et al., 2002)
- **Not enough time working with directors, administrators, staff, or students**

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible Barriers to Implementation in Implementing Effective Interventions

- Proper training of those delivering a program
- A tendency to “reinvent” innovations (Rohrbach, D’Onofrio, Backer, & Montgomery, 1996)

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible Barriers to Implementation in Implementing Effective Interventions

- Organizational factors (Simpson, 2002)
  - Resources, issues impacting effective delivery, attitudes among leaders, etc.
- Resistance among staff familiar and comfortable with a prior approach (Liddle, et al., 2002)

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible Barriers to Maintenance in Implementing Effective Interventions

- Therapist drift (i.e., issues of fidelity)
- Need for ongoing assessment and continued training

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

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Possible **Administrative Barriers** in Implementing Effective Interventions

- **Tendency to move toward “next best thing”**
  - One approach being pursued at the expense of another
- **Concern that directing attention or funds toward a behavior indicates that “problem” exists**

Source: Larimer, Kilmer, and Lee, 2005

**Wrapping up**

**Support for policies and enforcement is there!**

- A small group students may be quite vocal on campus to the point administrators withhold policy changes assumed to be unsupported by the student body (Lavigne, et al., 2008)
- Among students, Saltz (2007) found a “universal tendency” to underestimate student support for policies

**Saltz (2007) conclusions (p. 459)**

- "...campuses would actually have more incipient support for a variety of alcohol prevention policies than is likely to be perceived by the students themselves, and, by extension, administrators and others belonging to the campus community."
- "...Unless students are persuaded that such support is not limited to a fringe element, new policies are likely to be met with at least passive, if not active, resistance."

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**Saltz (2007) conclusions (p. 459)**

- "...This then, suggests that today's campus prevention interventions, which now often comprise campaigns to correct students' perception of peer alcohol consumption, may want to incorporate a parallel effort to correct their perception of peer support for policies as well."
- "This information may prove revelatory to some, and critical to the chances of having a significant impact on alcohol-related problems on campus, which is the ultimate target."

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**A mix of strategies is best**

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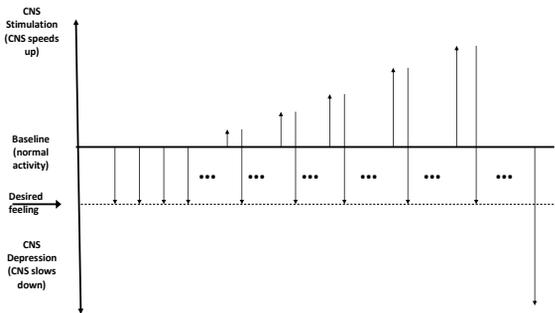
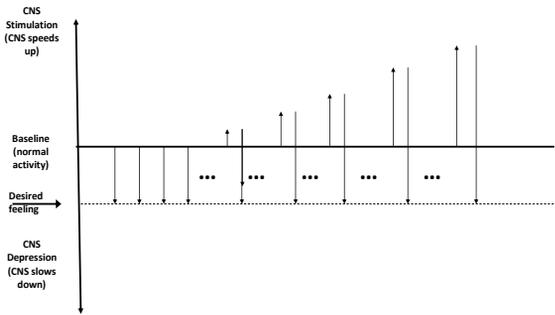


## Types of learning

- **Classical Conditioning**

- **Pavlov**

- Association of two events such that one event acquires the ability to elicit responses formerly associated with the other event



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## Considering cues

- **Even taste can be a cue**
  - Siegel (2011) noted that college students who consume alcohol in the presence of usual taste cues (e.g., a beer flavored beverage) display greater tolerance to intoxicating effects than when consumed in a novel blue, peppermint-flavored beverage of the same strength.

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## Conclusion

- **“The situational specificity of tolerance”**
  - If alcohol is presented “in a manner divorced from the usual alcohol-associated stimuli, the effects of the alcohol are enhanced (Siegel, 2011, p. 358).”

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