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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT SCIP

WHAT IS SCIP?

SCIP refers to the School Community Intervention Program. This four-component program to assist students experiencing difficulty in the learning environment was developed jointly by representatives from both the community and Lincoln Public Schools. It is currently sponsored by the Lincoln Public School system; Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP); United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County; Region V Systems; and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, *Office of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Addiction Services*.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SCIP?

The purpose of SCIP is threefold:

- 1) To identify students exhibiting high risk behaviors which interfere with their ability to learn. These behaviors may or may not be related to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs.
- 2) To provide alternative approaches in helping students deal with these problems, and
- 3) To provide a support system for students and parents to address problem areas both within and outside the school setting.

HOW DOES SCIP ASSIST STUDENTS?

The program has four (4) components, each of which assists students.

- 1) **IDENTIFICATION** of students who exhibit problematic behavior.
- 2) **INTERVENTION** with the student, parents, and a school representative from the SCIP Team to describe problem behavior and to seek solutions and explore options which will increase the student's chance of being successful in school.
- 3) **REFERRAL** to a community agency tailored to youth and families.
- 4) **STUDENT SUPPORT** to assist students in the school environment. The goal of individual and group support is to aid the recovery process of the student.

HOW ARE STUDENTS REFERRED TO SCIP?

Students are referred to SCIP by teachers, students, administrators, friends, parents or by self. Once a referral is made, teachers are asked to observe the student's behavior in class and forward information to the SCIP team. The team reviews the information and decides what action should be taken.

WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN?

Referral to SCIP does not always indicate a problem with alcohol and/or other drugs. Students who exhibit high risk behaviors can be referred for assistance to a counselor, community agency or a faculty member who can offer assistance.

If behaviors indicate the possibility of involvement with alcohol and/or other drugs, the intervention process is used to encourage students and their parents to obtain an evaluation at a community agency.

WHERE CAN I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION?

Contact a SCIP team member at your school or the:
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