

Student Health Service
Outreach Health Education
Assessment Plan, 2002

In response to the growing concerns about the smoking issue by students on the Bemidji State University campus, and the need for a formalized intervention/education program, Student Health Service Outreach Health Education launched a secondhand smoke education campaign.

Goal 1:

- To determine if the campus has basic understanding about the health implications of secondhand smoke.
- To determine if the Campus has basic understanding about the need for a tobacco policy.
- To determine if students demonstrate support for a campus tobacco policy and determine the readiness of the student population to move toward a smoke-free campus.

Measurement:

A Secondhand Smoke Survey containing nine questions was be used to determine the attitude and opinions of students in regards to the campus smoking issue. (See attached.)

Assessment Outcome

One hundred and thirty students completed surveys in the Student Union between on April first and second, 2002.

The following is a summary of the survey's results:

From the students surveyed:

- 41% were under the age of 21 years and 59% were over 21.
- 17% were smoker's and 22% were former smokers, and 61% were Non-Smokers.

4) If you are a smoker and live on campus, do you smoke in your dorm room?
5%__ Yes 20%__ No 75%__ Not a Smoker or don't live on campus

5) Do you believe second-hand smoke is a health hazard?
48%__ Agree 43%__ Strongly Agree
3%__ Disagree 6%__ Strongly Disagree

6) Would you favor a local smoke-free restaurant ordinance?
75%__ Yes 25%__ No

7) Would you patronize a local eating establishment if it were smoke free?
 36%__ More often 4%__ Less often
 46%__ About the same 14%__ Not at all

8) Would you favor a smoke-free housing on the BSU campus?
 79%__ Yes 21%__ No

9) Would you favor a smoke-free campus policy?
 60%__ Yes 40%__ No

Remarks: _____
