

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOUTH CAROLINA TOOLKIT

What is the South Carolina Toolkit?

The Toolkit, actually titled the South Carolina Toolkit for Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Strategies, is intended as a resource for prevention professionals or coalitions to conduct well-planned evidence-based prevention programs in their community. The Toolkit is a joint product of DAODAS and PIRE.

What is in the Toolkit?

The Toolkit has eight sections. The largest is a collection of 60+ evidence-based programs with several pages of information on each one (description, target population, implementation details, developer contact information, etc.). There are three sections that identify the effectiveness of dozens of environmental strategies to reduce underage alcohol and tobacco use and provide useful details on several of them. The other sections are short prevention papers on evidence-based prevention, performance-based prevention, and reach and scope, a prevention glossary, and a prevention website URL collection.

Where can I find the Toolkit?

The Toolkit is found at <http://www.daodas.state.sc.us/toolkit.asp>. The Toolkit was originally a written document, but any of those copies are now outdated.

What are the criteria for a program to be included in the Toolkit?

To be in the Toolkit, a program must qualify under one of the following: 1. It is a SAMHSA Model Program focusing on substance abuse or violence prevention as a primary issue, 2. It is a U.S. Dept. of Education Exemplary Program, 3. It is a Level 3 program used in SC that has applied to and been accepted for inclusion by the Toolkit Work Group, or 4. It is a Level 3 program approved for use under a DAODAS evidence-based-only funding stream.

Why do we have a Toolkit?

The Toolkit was originally created for G-CAP as a resource that would make selecting an appropriate program or environmental strategy more manageable because there were so many resources out there with varying lists of what were evidence-based programs. However, the Toolkit quickly became a tool used across the prevention field, so G-CAP was replaced by South Carolina in the title.

What are some aspects of the Toolkit that make it stand out from other resources?

First, it's a South Carolina product, so we are able to tailor its content unlike a national resource. Second, the online Toolkit has the capacity for prevention providers nation-wide to post comments about the programs it contains. Those comments appear in that program's Public Comments section where others can read about all the other actual experiences people have had with the program. That feature is only available within the SC Toolkit. Also, the Toolkit's environmental sections are a useful resource that are not easily found elsewhere.