

Question – How would I be able to share information that could be useful to other *Snapshot* users?

Answer – *Snapshots* welcomes valid and relative data that can be promoted on the website. If you have information you think might be of interest use the contact portion of the website. We will contact you directly from your request and arrange to review the information. If the information meets our criteria we will then post it to the website. Not only do we want to share information to the public but feel that our audience can be our greatest resource for information.

Question – How often will the website be updated?

Answer – The website will be reviewed to ensure that all reports and links are current. As new information is made available the data will be added under the appropriate header that is applicable. If you are seeking specific information/data you can make a request through the contact portion of the website.

Question - What is MPDIP?

Answer - The Mississippi Preventive Data Improvement Project (MPDIP) is a 3-year Mississippi Department of Education grant funded through the US Department of Education. Its focus is the collaboration of local, state and private shareholders to develop a web-based resource that will manage data to improve the Mississippi Department of Education's drug and violence prevention programs. For more information contact The Office of Coordinated School Health (601) 359-1737.

Question - How much longer will the SEOW grant be in operation?

Answer - After the initial first year, the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) is now under the umbrella of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Improvement Grant (SPF SIG). The SPF SIG Grant will continue for the next five years.

The purpose of the Mississippi SPF SIG grant is to plan, implement, monitor, and sustain efforts to enhance our State's prevention infrastructure. The main goals of the Mississippi SPF SIG are as follows:

- Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State and community levels;
- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking; and
- Reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities

Question - What is the role or purpose of SEOW?

Answer - The SEOW played a vital role in the driving step one of the SPF SIG. Step I included the assessment step of the Strategic Prevention Framework. In Step I the SEOW included assessment of the substance abuse problem in Mississippi, the state's capacity and infrastructure for dealing with problems, and identified gaps in services and or resources. The SEOW epidemiological profiles were based on the data collected for each of the following: tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, heroin, methamphetamines, inhalants and prescription drugs. The profiles included consumption patterns within the State at large, prevalence, differences by race and gender, and national and state comparisons.

Question - Is funding Available through this grant?

Answer - Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) grantees are required to develop and submit a SPF SIG Plan and receive written approval by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) before any SPF SIG funds are provided to communities. The SEOW's assessment part of the SPF SIG Plan will provide a picture of all data-driven priorities that emerged from the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW). A final priority will be chosen and a plan will be submitted to address this substance problem. Following approval from CSAP the SPF SIG will allocate 85% of its SPF SIG funds to communities with the greatest needs.

Question - Who makes up the members of the SEOW workgroup?

Answer – The members of the SEOW workgroup are representatives from state agencies, private organizations and not-for-profit groups. They were selected to help guide what data would be offered through *Snapshots* and how that data would be represented. You can find a complete list of members and data contributors on the *Snapshots* website.

Question – What happens to *Snapshots* when the 3 year US Department of Education grant ends?

Answer – The website will continue to be maintained by the Office of Healthy Schools.

Question – I noticed on your website that data is offered in many different formats. Why is this?

Answer – We all have different learning styles be it visual learners or those who prefer numbers to graphics. We try to provide information in a variety of different formats (graphs, maps, etc. to give those using our website a broad number of choices. This allows the user to select what method best suits their needs.