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**The Faith Sector and Substance Prevention Assessment**

Instructions: Circle the response that most clearly indicates the way you feel about each item.

SA = Strongly Agree A = Agree U = Undecided D = Disagree SD = Strongly Disagree

1. Substance abuse prevention is a primary concern for SA A U D SD

the faith community.

2. The basic issues in the prevention and treatment of SA A U D SD

substance abuse problems have spiritual components.

3. Most prevention specialists are comfortable working SA A U D SD

with faith groups.

4. The faith community, as well as the broader community, has SA A U D SD

communicated with a clear, consistent message

regarding the use and nonuse of alcohol, tobacco and

other drugs.

5. The faith community has the expertise necessary to SA A U D SD

play a primary role in responding to the community’s issues

with substance abuse.

6. Science and faith don’t mix. SA A U D SD

7. It is possible for one key person within a congregation SA A U D SD

to initiate the creation of a successful prevention effort to

address substance misuse/abuse issues.

8. It will take significant funding for faith groups to SA A U D SD

initiate prevention and recovery programs within their

congregations.

9. The effectiveness of prevention efforts can be significantly SA A U D SD

enhanced when multiple community sectors

work together.

10. The faith community can engage audiences that enhance SA A U D SD the reach of many prevention efforts.

11. The basic issues in the treatment and prevention of SA A U D SD

alcohol and other drug use problems include spiritual.

12. The faith community, as well as the broader community, SA A U D SD

has communicated a clear, consistent message regarding

alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

13. How an individual feels about himself/herself affects the SA A U D SD

way he or she behaves with alcohol and other drugs.

14. Faith based Prevention efforts should include youth education. SA A U D SD

15. The faith community has the expertise necessary to SA A U D SD

play a primary role in substance abuse prevention and

recovery.

16. Parents and family, as well as the extended congregational SA A U D SD

family, have influence on one another’s

attitudes, knowledge and behavior around substance use

and abuse.

Utilizing the assessment results, whether within a congregation, Faith leadership or within a coalition, areas of strength can be identified and those areas where further training, cultural competence, collaboration, and capacity can be built.

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