

# VERMONT TEEN ALCOHOL SAFETY PROGRAM STANDARDS

## **Guiding Principle**

To provide the best, most appropriate opportunity for intervention for every TASP client using best practices and promising approaches.

### **1. Provider Qualifications and Screening/Assessment Tools**

- a) All clients will participate in a substance abuse screening or assessment. Programs shall assure that all clients meet this requirement with a qualified treatment professional, defined as a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor or an apprentice working under the supervision of a licensed substance abuse counselor.
- b) All qualified treatment professionals shall utilize an evidence-based tool for the substance abuse screening or assessment; and document which tool was used.

### **2. Client Contact**

Programs shall develop practices designed to maximize client contact with program staff and treatment professionals. At a minimum, all clients will have face to face contact with a qualified treatment professional.

### **3. Graduated Response**

Programs that accept repeat offenders will increase the level of intervention to reflect the graduated and enhanced risk level repeat offenders present. At a minimum all programs shall require a substance abuse assessment for all repeat offenders. Other interventions may be added, and may include an increased fee for second offenders and additional educational activities.

### **4. Educational activities**

All educational activities included in a contract shall include a (self) reflective component.

### **5. Collateral Information**

Program staff will provide relevant collateral information to treatment professionals serving TASP clients (e.g., BAC, criminal, or family history).