

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SAPEI)

The total health and welfare of the students at Texas Southern University (TSU) is of paramount concern to all staff, faculty, and administrators, who realize that students are striving to achieve a quality education and prepare to enter the workforce. They also recognize that alcohol and other drugs often become a part of the social interaction of young people. TSU, as well as all other federally funded institutions of higher learning, is mandated by the United States Department of Education to have a program on campus that will address the use of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs by students. The unit charged with this responsibility is the Substance Abuse Prevention, Education and Intervention Program (SAPEI) of the University Counseling Center. SAPEI is an outcome of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986. TSU's Board of Regents has approved policies to regulate the use of alcohol, drugs, and other controlled substances on campus.

The SAPEI program utilizes a variety of approaches with which to educate our students; among these are classroom presentations, dissemination of educational materials (pamphlets, brochures), and campus-wide observances (e.g., National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, health fairs, etc.). It also cosponsors programs with various student organizations on campus. SAPEI also provides individual, family, and group counseling at no charge to all currently enrolled students.

SAPEI is in the Student Health Center. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call SAPEI at 713-313-7800, either to make an appointment or for additional information.