



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON ALCOHOL MISUSE AND CRIME

Consensus Statements Regarding The Nature and Extent of Alcohol Misuse and Crime

September 24, 2008 Meeting

Consensus Statements

On September 24, 2008, the National Partnership on Alcohol Misuse and Crime (NPAMC) convened a diverse meeting of leaders and stakeholders to discuss alcohol misuse and crime. During the meeting, the group identified several areas of agreement. The following statements reflect the sense of the group. They do not represent the views of any particular participants or their associations, organizations, agencies or companies and should not be attributed to them.

- Approximately 70% of the people who consume alcohol do so safely and responsibly.
- Alcohol misuse is a significant contributor to crime.
- Offenders who misuse alcohol are a significant percentage of the criminal justice population.
- Incarceration alone is unlikely to change the subsequent criminal behavior of offenders who chronically misuse alcohol.
- Chronic alcohol misuse can impair or damage the brain's cognitive and executive functioning. These effects may be reversible with abstinence.
- Jail and prison overcrowding have reached a crisis point; we must find viable alternatives.
- The most effective way to address offenders' alcohol misuse is through a comprehensive program of sanctions, treatment and accountability.
- We support new research and improved data collection to better understand the relationship between alcohol abuse and crime and to develop evidence-based practices for offender management.
- Addressing alcohol use disorders is an essential component in the rehabilitation of offenders who misuse alcohol.

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