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National Alcohol Screening Day

Learn how alcohol affects your health on National Alcohol Screening Day, April 7th

CINCINNATI—National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) is the nation's only large-scale outreach, education and screening program for alcohol problems. In April 2004, an estimated 203,000 individuals attended NASD 2004, 126,000 of whom completed the written screen, at over 5,400 screening sites. The 7th annual NASD will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2005 during Alcohol Awareness Month.

NASD is a program of the National Mental Illness Screening Project (NMISP) in partnership with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). NASD is **free of charge**, and includes a community-based program conducted by hospitals, clinics, treatment centers, primary care offices, colleges, and other school sites.

NASD includes the following components:

- Educational video presentation and handouts
- Brief **voluntary** self-assessment survey to be completed **anonymously** by participants
- A short screening interview with a health professional
- Referral for a complete evaluation, if indicated

NASD does not attempt to offer a diagnosis. It is an opportunity to point out to participants the presence or absence of symptoms indicating the likelihood of an actual or emerging alcohol problem, and offer a referral for further evaluation.

The Alcoholism Council of Cincinnati's sponsored NASD, which in 2004 had five sites and 1,163 participants, will be held at the following sites this year on Thursday, April 7th from 9 AM to 5:30 PM.

1. Mt. Auburn Health Center
2415 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
2. The University of Cincinnati
U.C. Teachers College
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
3. East End Health Center
4027 Eastern Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226
4. The Public Library of Cincinnati
800 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
5. Walnut Hills Health Center
3036 Woodburn Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
6. Mental Health Association of NKY
513 Madison Avenue
Covington, Kentucky 41011
9 AM – 5 PM
For specific information, call (859) 431-1077.



In addition to the April 7th screenings, Santa Maria Community Services will host Hamilton County's first Hispanic screening site on Sunday, April 10th from 12:30 PM to 3 PM at 7036 Fair Park Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216.

For more information about NASD screenings, please contact Mike Tibbetts with the Alcoholism Council at (513) 281-7880 or at mtibbett@alcoholismcouncil.org.

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