

Lifeways works with many School and Community Partners here are a few:

“Lifeways wraps themselves around the child and brings in their families and other resources to insure that child has the opportunity for success.”



Chief Police Karl Jegeris, RCPD

“I can't say enough in written words to demonstrate the need for this organization! Lifeways has saved children's lives...therefore the future! The power and purpose Lifeways plays in the school is irreplaceable.”

Danny Janklow, Principal North Middle School

“Alcohol and drug abuse are the main problems in the Native American community. Lifeways is the only organization taking a proactive approach to helping our children break the intergenerational chain!”

Bruce Long Fox—Rural America Initiatives



“Lifeways plays an integral role in making sure that youth learn resiliency skills (prevention)..address addiction issues, referrals and provide ongoing support (in school) as youth choose a sober lifestyle .”

The Wellfully Team (Wellspring)

**94% of Students who completed Lifeways Intensive Prevention — Did not reoffend
97% of their Parents attended the Parent & Student sessions.**



It's a Fact:

- ◆ Alcohol & drug use is *not* a “rite of passage” during adolescence
- ◆ Parents who serve alcohol to teenagers at home are under legal jeopardy.

The developing teen brain can become addicted faster.

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Let's be proactive—join Lifeways & work together to create a healthier community!

Rapid City Students who report alcohol use in the past 30 days = 1,071 students

3.8% of Middle School students = 121 students,
24.8% of High School students = 950 students
(not to mention percentage of other drugs abused)



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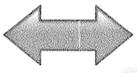
Lifeways is a Proactive Intensive Prevention, Early Intervention & Counseling Program impacting over 7,000 Teens in Rapid City and Custer Secondary Schools.



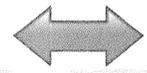
Lifeways Research Based Programs are offered by Lifeways Counselors who work in the Rapid City Secondary Schools



Prevention



Early Intervention



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Rapid City teens are abusing alcohol and other drugs at high levels, and the earlier they start, the more likely it is that they will develop addiction.

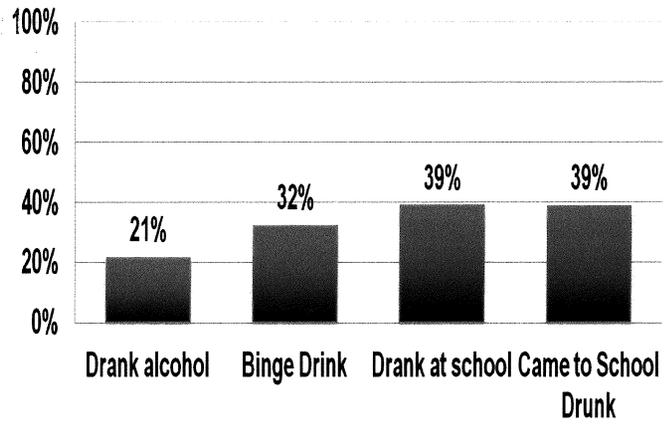
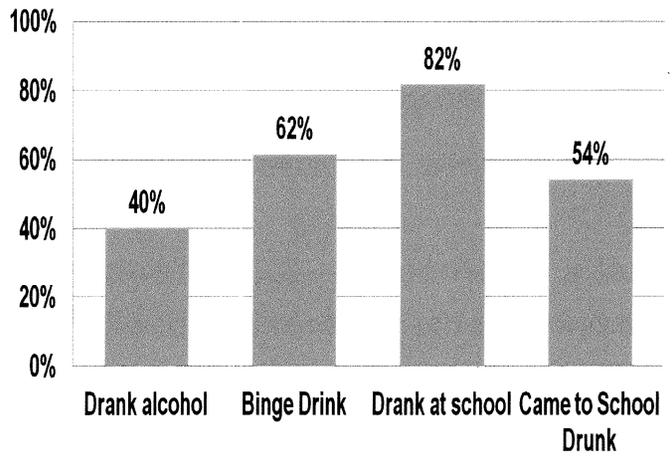
In Rapid City, 3.8% of Middle School & 24.8% of High School students reported they drank alcohol in past 30 days. Many of these youth report drinking alcohol to deal with sadness and depression

“Addiction is a complex brain disease that, in most cases, originates in adolescence.”**

Of the 3.8% MS students who reported current use of alcohol: 40% Drank Alcohol, 62% Binge Drink, 82% Drank at school, 54% Came to School Drunk because they “Think drinking alcohol is a good way to cope with sadness and depression.”

Of the 24.8% HS students who reported current use of alcohol: 21% Drank Alcohol, 32% Binge Drink, 39% Drank at school, 39% Came to school drunk because they “Think drinking alcohol is a good way to deal with sadness and depression.”

Let’s do intensive prevention & early intervention before youth become addicted...



Let’s be proactive before teens fall behind in school, get arrested, or become addicted.

Prevention is upstream solutions!

Teens share that Lifeways Counselors help them learn how to cope with sadness and depression without alcohol and drugs.

*Casa Columbia study 2011