

Dr. Aaron White Presentation

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50% of the 24 adults present completed evaluations.

1. Did you know about the Voices Project before attending this presentation?
Yes 78.6%
No 21.4%
2. Have you attended a Voices Project event before?
Yes 57.1%
No 42.9%
3. During the presentation, did you ask a question publicly or talk to someone about the material being discussed?
Yes 57.1%
No 42.9%
4. Did you learn anything new about substance abuse?
Yes 92.9%
No 7.1%

"That it is permanent."

"Relationship between the age of first drink and later alcohol dependence."

"Alcohol use and the developing brain and the development that is missed."

"Thinking about it in terms of alcohol being sold without warnings and all that entails."

"That you were likely to become addicted at use when younger."

"Age 10 to 20 brain still growing."

5. Did you learn anything new about talking with your children about substance abuse?
Yes 71.4%
No 14.3%
N/a 14.3%

"Lowered dopamine levels last a lifetime."

"Talking with teens."

"Unfortunately I have no children but for all the parents here the message is so positive and worthwhile."

"That the use of any alcohol can affect the brain."

"Nothing specific bit it gave me a better basis to address issues."

"The importance of describing/teaching about the brain."

"Talking with teens."

"Different ways to discuss what is going on when a person drinks."

"That youth are more likely to use because they want to stimulate a feel good sensation by using alcohol or other drugs."



6. Has this program changed how you think about people with substance abuse problems?

"They are deficient of knowledge of that can help them regain control of their life."

"There is more empathy within and it could be a cycle that could be passed on to the next generation of kids or with education it can be broken."

"I will wonder about their brain development."

Yes 62.5%
No 37.5%

7. Has this presentation changed your view about the services the Library provides to the community?

"I've known for awhile the HBPL has been a great asset to our community."

"Good program"

"Thanks for bringing in Dr. White to speak with us."

"I already knew how wonderful a place this is."

"Our library is always above and beyond expectation. I love it!"

"That they are good at choosing speakers."

"Fantastic to bring a speaker of this caliber."

Yes 28.6%
No 71.4%

8. 75% of respondents were able to identify three ways substance abuse affects rural Alaska.

9. 75% of respondents were able to identify three ways people concerned about substance abuse could get help..

Additional comments:

"Carry the torch of inspiration. Thank you."

"The talk was excellent and the world could be a much brighter place if his comments were taken to heart."

"Helped to understand brain development."

"I did not know so much about adolescence and that the frontal lobes are still growing and that it may be harder for them to plan."