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Why Do High School Seniors Drink?

New Study identifies four major motivators to drink alcohol; one of them could be a sign of problem drinking

Most high school seniors drink because they want to experiment with alcohol, some drink for the thrill of it, and others because it helps them relax. A new study finds that a fourth group of high school students share all those reasons for drinking, but they also drink to get away from problems and to deal with anger or frustration issues.

Kids with multiple reasons to drink, including reasons related to coping with life, show the heaviest and most problematic drinking behaviors, according to the study published in the December issue of *Prevention Science*, a peer-reviewed journal of the Society for Prevention Research. The data for the study came from 1,877 students from the national Monitoring the Future survey conducted annually.

[Read the full article \(PDF\)](#)

The Next Stage of Prevention Science and Methodology: A Festschrift In Honor of Dr. Sheppard G. Kellam

Save the date for the “The Next Stage of Prevention Science and Methodology: A Festschrift In Honor of Dr. Sheppard G. Kellam” – A Day of Leading Scientific Presentations on the Next Stage of Prevention Science – that will be held on March 20, 2008 at Sommer Hall, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 645 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD.

This event is sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Prevention & Early Intervention, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health, and the Prevention Science and Methodology Group.

[The Next Stage of Prevention Science and Methodology: A Festschrift In Honor of Dr. Sheppard G. Kellam \(PDF\)](#)

Research Opportunity in the Field of Health Games Sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is pleased to announce its funding opportunity that supports outstanding research to enhance the quality and impact of interactive games used to improve health. The goal of the program is to advance the innovation, design, and effectiveness of health games and game technologies so that they help people improve their health-related behaviors and, as a result, achieve significantly better health outcomes. The program is directed by Debra Lieberman, Ph.D., communication researcher in the Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research at the University of California,

Santa Barbara. Program funding comes from RWJF's Pioneer Portfolio, which supports innovative ideas and projects that may lead to breakthroughs in the future of health and health care.

[Download the "Health Games Research" by Robert W. Johnson Foundation](#) (PDF)

Post-doctoral Training in Prevention Research Sponsored by Arizona State University Psychology Department and the Program for Prevention Research invite applications

The Arizona State University Psychology Department and the Program for Prevention Research invite applications for our NIH-funded post-doctoral training program in Prevention Research with Children. Research opportunities include prevention research methodology, research with ethnic minority children, children in poverty, children of divorce, children of alcoholic parents, bereaved children and the design, implementation and evaluation of preventive interventions. The application deadline is January 1, 2008, or until the positions are filled. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of their research interests, training and career goals to: Laurie Chassin, Ph.D., Prevention Research Center, Arizona State University, PO Box 876005, Tempe, AZ 85287-6005. NIMH Training Rates apply.

[Download the Post-doctoral Training in Prevention Research flyer](#) (PDF)

SPR Listing of Career Opportunities

To view all current job listings, go to <http://www.preventionresearch.org/sprcareers.php>.

Title	Institution	Location
Assistant/Associate Professor	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ
Assistant/Associate Professor	Texas Tech University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies	Lubbock, TX
Associate/Full Professor	Texas Tech University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies	Lubbock, TX
Assistant Professor	University of Rhode Island	Kingston, RI
Postdoctoral Positions in Drug Abuse Research	The Center for Drug Abuse Research Translation (CDART) at the University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY
Senior Researcher	OMNI Institute	Denver, CO
Professor/Associate Professor (nine-month, tenure-track)	University of Connecticut's Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention (CHIP)	Storrs, CT
Postdoctoral fellowship in prevention science	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health	Baltimore, MD
Assistant/Associate Professor in Health Promotion and Education	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
Chair, Department of Health Promotion and Education	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
Research Scientist	Girls and Boys Town National Research Institute	Boys Town, NE

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