

Drinking Driver Education

December 2013

Upcoming Events

Instructor Training

- May 5, 2014 - Dubuque

Instructor Recertification

- May 8, 2014 - Dubuque

Register online at
www.primeforlife.org
 or call 800.922.9489

Quarterly Fees & Class Lists

Quarterly fees and class lists for the period October 1 – December 31, 2013 are due by January 31, 2014.

Please make sure to send your class list electronically to: OWIlowa@iowa.gov

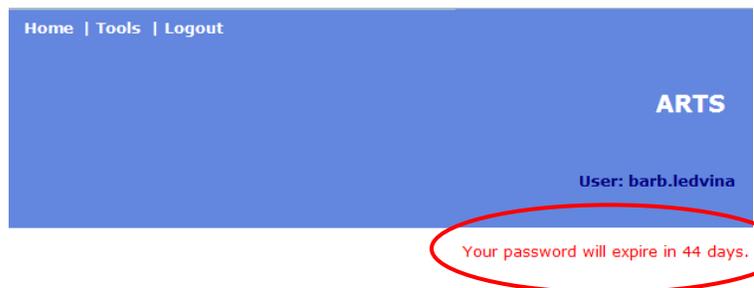


Keeping Your Password Up-to-Date

Each agency that offers the state mandated drinking driver education program in Iowa is responsible for reporting course completion to the Iowa Department of Transportation through their online ARTS application. Individuals are granted access to this system after having completed and submitted a privacy agreement. The IDOT requires that this agreement be updated biennially.

Once access has been granted to ARTS, the individual will create a password which is good for 60 days. At the end of this time, if you have not changed your password, you will be locked out, and the IDOT will need to reset the password for you. This can translate into a delay in getting your course completion entered. Be proactive, and change the password on your own before it expires!

Not sure when your password expires? Once you have logged into ARTS, the initial screen will tell you how many days until it expires:



Finding it difficult to remember to change your password? Consider scheduling a reminder on your calendar to change the password 59 days from the date you originally set it.

HAD CHANGES? KEEP US UPDATED!

Have you had changes at your agency recently that impact the OWI Education program? A new administrator, agency name change, new location, new email or phone number? If so, please keep the Department of Education updated with the latest information. Just send us an email: OWIlowa@iowa.gov

WHO Ya GONNA CALL?

When you have a question or concern, half the battle is figuring out who to call. To help you out, we have developed a little cheat sheet for you to use:

Prime for Life curriculum questions/concerns

Michelle Ellison
877.922.9045

To order Prime for Life workbooks

800.922.9489

To register for the PRI Instructor Training/Recertification

859.223.5320 or
www.primeforlife.org

Questions or concerns related to Substance Abuse Evaluations or Treatment

Elizabeth Schaller
515.281.4643

Problems with the IDOT website for entering completion information (including password help)

515.237.3075

Questions or concerns related to quarterly fees, website information, or other questions about the educational component of the Drinking Driver Program

Janine Johnson
515.281.5251

or

Barbara Ledvina
515.242.5036

Who Reports Completion?

If you are one of the agencies in Iowa that provides substance abuse evaluations/treatment for OWI offenders – this clarification is directed to you.

At times, an individual may complete their substance abuse evaluation at one agency and their treatment at another. The agency at which the treatment is completed is responsible for entering the completion information into the IDOT's ARTS system.

If you have questions regarding this, please feel free to contact our office at 515-242-5036.

OWI Advisory Committee

In 2011 the Department of Education established the OWI Education Advisory Committee. We asked for volunteers from our provider agencies to sit on this Committee and provide input into the OWI Education program. The feedback we have received from this Committee has been very valuable to us here at the Department of Education.

We recently welcomed several new members to our Committee. Below is a listing of the current Committee membership. Please feel free to contact any of the members or our office if you have questions or concerns you would like the Advisory Committee to address:

Pete Aguilar

Urban Dreams &
Iowa Valley Community College

Steve Allison

Indian Hills Community College

Michelle Cherrier

Kirkwood Community College

Jeff Frank

Iowa Central Community College

Shannon Green

MECCA

Krista Mattson

Assessment Services

Kim Oaks

Southwestern Community College

Marcia Oltrogge

NE Iowa Behavioral Health

Joe Quinn

Des Moines Area Community College

Nancy Tegeler

Additions Recovery Center

Deb Sabin

Iowa Valley Community College

Mary Sloan

Compass Point

By the Numbers

Statistics from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

51..... agencies with classes held during the time period

33average age of student

3,554..... females taking class

10,163 males taking class

5%students from outside Iowa

15.....age of youngest student

84age of oldest student

1,507students under 21

1,195 cleared by the DE for students taking the class out-side of Iowa

What type of statistics would you be interested in seeing in the future? Let us know. *

“Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.”

Winston Churchill

Keep Certification Up-to-Date

Individuals teaching Iowa's mandated drinking driver program, Prime for Life, are required to be certified to do so. Once certified, the instructor must attend a one-day recertification class every 24 months to maintain active certification. There is no charge for instructors from state approved providers to attend the recertification course. If you are unsure of when you were last certified/recertified, please contact Prime For Life at 800.922.9489, or access your information on www.primeforlife.org. *

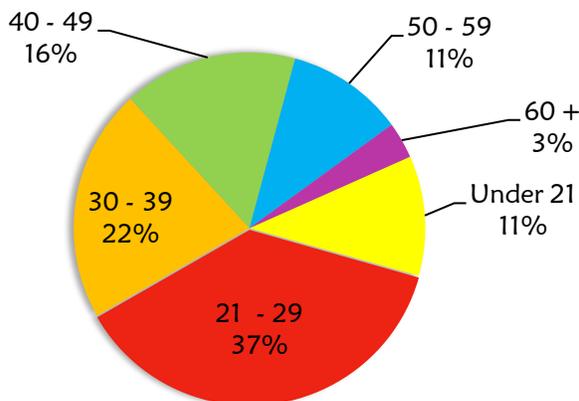
Class Lists Provide Statewide Data

Beginning with classes held in April of 2011, agencies were asked to provide the Department of Education with a listing of all students that took the mandated drinking driver course at their agency. Each quarter, agencies submit their class listings to our office.

From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012 10,043 took the class in Iowa. Another 1,059 had offended in Iowa at some point, and submitted documentation to show they completed the class outside of Iowa.

In comparison, from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 13,717 took the class in Iowa. Another 1,195 had offended in Iowa or were Iowa drivers that offended in another state, and submitted documentation to show they completed the class outside of Iowa.

Age of Students



Where Students are Taking Classes

