

# Drinking Driver Education

September 2011

## Upcoming Events

### OWI Advisory Board

- September 29, 2011

### Instructor Training

- November 14 -17, 2011  
Council Bluffs
- March 6 - 8, 2012  
Dubuque
- November 6 – 8, 2012  
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### Instructor Recertification

- November 18, 2011  
Council Bluffs
- March 9, 2012  
Dubuque

Register online at  
[www.primeforlife.org](http://www.primeforlife.org).or  
 call 800.922.9489

## QUARTERLY FEES & CLASS LISTS

Quarterly fees and class lists for the period July 1 – September 30<sup>th</sup> are due by October 31, 2011.

Please make sure to send your class list electronically to: [OWIlowa@iowa.gov](mailto:OWIlowa@iowa.gov)

Welcome to the first edition of the Iowa Drinking Driver Education newsletter. The focus of this newsletter is to provide information to providers of the mandated drinking driver education program in Iowa.

We welcome your input, so please let us know what we can do to help make your job easier.

## EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

In the spring of 2011, an OWI Education Advisory Board was created. The Committee is made up of representatives from agencies providing the mandated drinking driver program in Iowa. We feel we have a good balance of both community colleges and private agencies - large and small.

At our first meeting, we voted to have membership on the Committee be for a minimum of two years. Membership will then be staggered so that not everyone will be new to the committee every two years.

Minutes for OWI Education Advisory Committee meetings are posted on our website [OWI.EducateIowa.gov](http://OWI.EducateIowa.gov) (under the For Providers tab).

We plan to have agenda's posted prior to the meetings. If you have concerns or questions related to the meeting agenda topics, or have other issues that you feel should be addressed by the Committee, you are encouraged to contact a Committee member listed below (*click on their names for email address*) or the [Department of Education](#).

## Advisory Board Members

Michelle Cherrier  
Kirkwood CC

John Conway  
St. Gregory's Center

Jeff Frank  
Iowa Central CC

Kim Gamm  
Behavioral Services

Deborah Kay  
The Edge of Recovery

Lois Kiester  
DMACC

Katrina Carter-Larson  
Corrections

Kim Oaks  
Southwestern CC

Marcia Oltrogge  
NE Iowa Behavioral Health

Joe Quinn  
DMACC

Tracy Schmidt  
Hawkeye CC

Nancy Tegeler  
Additions Recovery Center

Diane Thomas  
Substance Abuse Service Center

## 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 tried to develop 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](http://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

## OWI On-Line

Did you know that the Department of Education's website has many informational resources for offenders and educational providers? If you haven't already discovered this resource, we invite you to take a look: [OWI.Educatelowa.gov](http://OWI.Educatelowa.gov)



Offenders can use our site to locate approved educational providers in Iowa. Check to see if your information is listed and that it is correct. Let us know if you have changes you would like made.

Non-Iowans can use our website to identify what requirements they need to complete to get their driver's license reinstated. In addition, we provide a resource to help them locate classes in their own state.

We also have added both general information on being an educational provider as well as specific forms and links that are useful to current providers. If you know of other links or documents that would be helpful to you, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve our customer service to the providers and to the offenders.

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#### OWI

Chapter 321J.17 of the Code of Iowa explains requirements for persons operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated within the state of Iowa.

Iowa law stipulates that individuals, found to have been operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated - either by failing a sobriety test or refusing to test, must complete a mandated "drinking and driving course that encourages the offender to assess the offender's own drinking and driving behavior in order to select practical alternatives."

[Information for Iowans](#) | [Information for Non-Iowans](#) | [Resources](#) | [For Providers](#) | [Contact Us](#)

#### Information for Iowans

If you received an OWI in the state of Iowa, you will need to complete the following before your driver's license can be reinstated. Note that in some cases additional penalties/requirements may be imposed by the court system and/or by the Department of Transportation.

- Complete a substance abuse evaluation and follow any treatment recommendations as stipulated by the evaluator. Need help finding a licensed substance abuse evaluator in Iowa? [Internet](#) or by calling 515.281.5251
- Successfully complete a 12-hour drinking driver education program. There are a number of providers that have been approved to provide this program in the state of Iowa. See the listing below for contact information. General questions regarding the drinking driver program may be directed to 515.281.5251.
- Pay any civil penalties, reinstatement fees, and/or pass any examinations as required by the court system and the Iowa Department of Transportation. For further information regarding your driving record, contact the Iowa Department of Transportation at 800.532.1121.

[Locate an approved state-mandated 12-hour drinking course](#)

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## By the Numbers

### Statistics from April 1 – June 30, 2011

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

33 ..... average age of student

880 ..... females taking class

2,645 ..... males taking class

5% .....students from outside IA

15 ..... age of youngest student

84 .....age of oldest student

461 .....students under 21

15 ..... who didn't complete the class after starting

222 .....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.

“The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.”

Chinese Proverb

## Keep Certification Up-to-Date

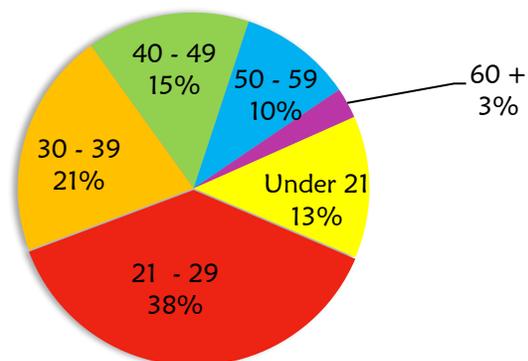
Individuals teaching Iowa's mandated drinking driver program, Prime for Life, are required to be certified to do so. Once certified, the instructor must attend a one-day recertification class every 24 months to maintain active certification. There is no charge for instructors from state approved providers 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](http://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. Although it took awhile to get everyone's information submitted, we now have all of the information compiled. We will be including statistical information regarding the individuals that comprise the students taking the drinking driver course in Iowa.

From April 1 – June 30, 2011, 3,526 students took the drinking driver course from agencies in Iowa. Check out the side panel for more statistics.

### Age of Students



### Where Students are Taking Classes

