SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Florida Keys Community College has, since its inception, specifically prohibited, on campus or at college functions, the possession, sale, exchange, consumption, or giving away of any stimulant, depressant, narcotic, or hallucinogenic drug having a potential for physical or mental abuse, except on prescription by a physician or dentist. This policy is in accordance with the Federal Drug Abuse Act. Students who are found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to immediate and possibly severe disciplinary action, including probation or suspension.

Florida Keys Community College shares the increasing national concern regarding new evidence of the danger of substance abuse. This policy has been updated and adopted as a result of true concern for our students, employees and the community as a whole. In order to discourage substance abuse by college students or employees and provide community education, the following activities will be carried out on a routine basis:

- Periodically articles will be placed in the student newsletter VOICES concerning information on substance abuse. This information will be timely according to current concerns and will include scientific reports of effects to the user and ways to identify abusers.

- In-service training for college employees will be held periodically and will include information on substance abuse, its identification, and referral recommendations. Seminars and presentations will be held periodically for both the student body and the community addressing substance abuse, its effects, and sources of assistance.

- A college credit course on substance abuse will be offered to the community periodically. The course will be updated annually to include timely information of current abuse problems.

- College employees will make every attempt to participate in community activities or committees dealing with substance abuse.