

**2015 and 2016 Comparison of Uniform Crime Report
(Drug & Alcohol Only)
Biennial Review – CASC**

Carl Albert State College Poteau is a residential campus; Sallisaw is a commuter campus site. As a result, most statistics on alcohol and drug violations correlate with the residential campus location in Poteau whereas these students are predominately under the age of 21 years and are living full-time in the college housing facilities.

During the 2015 and 2016 calendar years, CASC reported 107 total cases of alcohol and drug violations (90 alcohol and 17 drug violations). The use and abuse of alcohol was not the primary infraction identified in either calendar year; however, the numbers represent a significant increase from the previous review.

This increase is due, at least partially, to the budget yearly decrease and Student Affairs staff reduction while producing the three biggest housing student cohorts in the College's history. Housing staff have been reduced from 2 to 1, assistant coaches, who monitored athletic housing, have been reduced from 4 to 2 to now 1, and the mental health LPC was not replaced in January 2016. After a spring 2016 RIF, a new residential housing coordinator was hired, a current Student Affairs staff member was required to absorb Student Conduct Officer duties, and Campus police officers were reduced from 3 to 2, reducing 24-hour monitoring and enforcement during the school week to 16-hour coverage. Student Affairs staff work diligently as a team to keep students safe and secure. Based on spring 2016 Housing exit survey, 95% students responded that CASC provided a safe and secure environment.

Procedures are that all students found in violation of the CASC drug and alcohol policy are cited by Campus Police, then addressed by the Student Conduct Officer and the Vice-President of Student Affairs (if requested by the student). Students have an appeal process through the Student Conduct Committee for any fines or suspensions they believe to be unjust.

The CASC drug and alcohol policy has been followed in the strictest definition and students who are found in possession of drugs are immediately suspended from living in college housing facilities, but are allowed to remain in classes for the first offense, but students are not permitted to live on campus. In Fall 2016, the new administration relaxed the alcohol policy to 3 strikes instead of 2.

CASC offers resources and referral agency information through the Student Handbook, the Office of Student Affairs, and the annual notice to students. Counseling services, which include alcohol and drug counseling, are referred at the student cost through a partnership with Stigler Health & Wellness locations in Poteau and Sallisaw.

CASC seeks to improve the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program by providing awareness and education initiatives tied to freshman orientation class, in conjunction with national awareness campaigns, and through additional partnerships provided by local law enforcement and Choctaw Nation. By focusing on education and awareness, the college will strive to encourage students to realize the significance of drug and alcohol abuse and the results thereof.