### College Alcohol Problem Scale-Revised (CAPS-r)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**
The CAPS-r is an eight-item self-report scale that measures the frequency of personal and social problems associated with drinking in college students.

**TARGET POPULATION**
- Adults
- Adolescents (over 16 years)

**Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?**
College students and other young adults and older adolescents

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**
- Number of items: 8
- Number of subscales: 2
- Format(s):  
  - Pencil-and-paper self-administered
  - Interview
  - Observation
  - Computer self-administered
  - Other
- Time required for administration: 2 to 3 minutes
- Administered by: Self or interviewer
- Training required for administration?  
  - yes  
  - no

**SCORING**
- Time required to score/interpret: Immediate
- Scored by: Respondent or interviewer
- Scoring key?  
  - yes  
  - no
- Computerized scoring or interpretation available?  
  - yes  
  - no
- Norms available?  
  - yes  
  - no
- Instrument normed on subgroups?  
  - yes  
  - no
- Which groups? General college population. The original CAPS (10 items) was normed on college first offenders.
- Comments: Distributions are based on limited college studies. Data can be used to tentatively benchmark “average” problems.
PSYCHOMETRICS

Have reliability studies been done? ☒ yes ☐ no

What measure(s) of reliability was used?

☐ Test-retest
☐ Split half
☒ Internal consistency

Have validity studies been done? ☒ yes ☐ no

What measures of validity have been derived?

☐ Content
☒ Criterion (predictive, concurrent, “postdictive”)
☒ Construct

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The CAPS-r can be used as an initial screen to estimate the relative frequency with which clients experience drinking-related personal and social problems.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

As part of a survey or evaluation instrument battery, the CAPS-r can provide a brief, valid, reliable, and useful way to capture the relative frequency of personal and social consequences of drinking in college-age young people.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: ☒ yes ☐ no

Cost: None

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