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Substance abuse or addiction does not discriminate. It can affect all walks of life, regardless of economic circumstance, gender, age, or profession. The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians recognizes substance abuse as a challenging and complex issue.

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Reports of substance abuse in the nursing profession are rising. For some-- it is drug dependency whether it be prescription or illicit drugs. For others it is alcohol dependency. In either case, it is an issue that you can get help to address.

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As a licensed health care worker, you have an ethical and professional duty to report when you think someone is under the influence at work. Early recognition and reporting are vital steps towards keeping patients safe and well as colleagues.

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It's important to be aware of signs that a LVN or Psych Tech may be struggling with substance abuse such as changes in behavior, physical appearance, or drug diversion. Remember, it's okay to ask for help for yourself or someone you may know who is struggling with addiction.

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The Substance Abuse Hotline is available 24 hours day, seven days a week. You can call 1-800-662- HELP (4357). This resource is also available in Spanish.

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You can also send your zip code via text message to 435748 (HELP4U). Most importantly, if you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911.