

SUFFOLK COUNTY 2014-2015 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SURVEY RESULTS – QUICK LOOK

YDS is a survey which assesses risk and protective factors that predict substance use and other problem behaviors-*this is a survey of student perception*

Total Students = 10,626 Male- 46.6% Female – 53.4% 7th-16.0% * 8th- 16.5% * 9th-18.5% * 10th-14.8% * 11th- 20.1%* 12th-14.1%

ATOD = Alcohol, Tobacco Other Drugs ASB = Antisocial Behavior (ATOD use, fighting, stealing, vandalism) PSI = Prosocial Involvement (positive activities)

DOMAINS →		COMMUNITY	FAMILY	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL or/PEER	AVERAGE AGE OF ONSET (First use)	NO LIFETIME Alcohol Use	NO PAST 30 DAYS Alcohol Use	If you drank alcohol (not just a sip or taste) in the past year, how did you get it? (top 3 answers)	BINGE DRINKING (5 or more drinks at a time in the last 2 weeks)
Highest Ranked RISK FACTORS For each grade level GOAL: To REDUCE these risks	7/8	Perceived Availability of Drugs (22.1%)	Family Conflict (45.4%)	Low Commitment to School (36.5%)*	Favorable Attitudes to ASB (41.4%)	Marijuana- 12.2 y.o Cigs- 11.6 y.o Alcohol- 11.4 y.o	7 th : 87.3% 8 th : 75.2%	7 th : 96.0% 8 th : 89.1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From home with my parents' permission: 3.7% From home without my parent's permission: 2.6% Other: 2.2% 	2.7% (L) (4.1% State)
	9/10	Perceived Availability of Drugs (29.5%)	Family Conflict (47.4%)	Low Commitment to School (43.5%)*	Favorable Attitudes to ASB (49.6%)	Marijuana- 13.6 y.o Cigs- 12.9 y.o Alcohol- 13.1 y.o	9 th : 63.2% 10 th : 45.5%	9 th : 81.5% 10 th : 65.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From someone I know under age 21: 12.0% From home without my parent's permission: 9.0% Other: 7.3% 	10.4% (L) (11.9% State)
	11/12	Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use (35.9%)	Family Conflict (45.5%)	Low Commitment to School (48.5%)*	Favorable Attitudes to ASB (56.3%)	Marijuana- 14.7 y.o Cigs- 14.0 y.o Alcohol- 14.1 y.o	11 th : 29.4% 12 th : 22.7%	11 th : 50.1% 12 th : 44.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From someone I know under age 21: 28.4% From someone I know age 21 or older: 20.9% Home without my parent's permission: 13.6% 	26.1% (H) (23.9% State)
Lowest Ranked PROTECTIVE FACTORS For each grade level GOAL: To INCREASE these factors	7/8	Opportunities for PSI (73.3%)*	Family Attachment (59.4%)	School Rewards for PSI (51.8%)	Prosocial Involvement PSI (49.9%)	Prevention Works! Become Aware - Get Educated <i>Underage Drinking is always Illegal, Unhealthy & Inappropriate</i> Tools To Increase Protective Factors 1- Create A United Front Against Underage Drinking 2- Join the Community Coalition 3- Implement Evidence Based Model Programs 4- Increase Parental Involvement 5- Foster Open Communication between parents and children Set Clear Expectations for Children (family, school & community-wide)				
	9/10	Opportunities for PSI (72.2%)*	Family Attachment (57.9%)	School Rewards for PSI (57.2%)	Prosocial Involvement PSI (56.3%)					
	11/12	Opportunities for PSI (67.5%)*	Family rewards for PSI (52.1%)	School Rewards for PSI (55.6%)	Prosocial Involvement PSI (56.0%)					

* Please note this is the only protective/risk factor in the Domain



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