

Risk and Protective Factors Years 9-12

Risk Factors

Risk factors increase the likelihood young people will develop health and social problems

Protective Factors

Protective factors help buffer young people with high levels of risk factors from developing health and social problems

- Believe there is no risk to trying marijuana once or twice - 27%
- Belonged to a group (gang crew, etc) - 10%
- Been expelled from school for drugs - 5%



- 69% - Are satisfied with themselves
- 68% - Rated their mental or emotional health as good or better
- 28% - Students chose to be drug-free based on personal choice

- Friends were the main source of alcohol - 25%
- First smoke of marijuana came from a friend - 18%
- Friends were the main source of cigarettes - 13%



- 18% - Friends had an influence on students decision to remain drug free

- Family member has alcohol or drug problem - 49%
- Family members often yell or insult each other - 38%
- Family member has sold drugs - 23%



- 73% of students do activities with their families
- 70% - When not at home parents/caregivers know who student is with and where
- 68% - Rules about alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs in family are clear

- Believes the penalties/consequences for drug use in school does not stop persons from using/buying/selling drugs - 73%
- Know someone at school they can buy marijuana from - 47%
- Do not like school - 16%



- 82% - Like school to some degree or more
- 71% - Feel like they are a part of their school
- 53% - Have been taught about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in school

- Have seen drugs being used in their community - 47%
- Know where to get drugs in their community - 37%
- Have been approached by a stranger to buy or try drugs - 12%



- 74% - Feel safe in their community / neighborhood / district
- 50% - Has an adult outside of school they can go to for help with a personal problem
- 41% - Has an adult outside of school they can share their thoughts and feelings with