



Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse exists as a community partnership that strives to develop healthy lifestyles through Prevention, Education, Treatment, and Enforcement of substance abuse issues for youth and adults.

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General Substance Abuse Information

- Binge drinking is defined as 4 drinks per occasion for women and 5 drinks per occasion for men.
- Underage drinking cost Indiana citizens \$1.3 Billion in 2013. These costs included medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.*
- In 2014, 27 million people aged 12 or older used an illicit drug in the past 30 days (about 1 in 10 Americans).
- According to NIDA's 2016 Monitoring the Future study: 5.4% of 8th graders, 14.0% of 10th graders, and 22.5% of 12th graders had used marijuana in the month before the survey.
- NIDA's 2016 Monitoring the Future study also shows: 7.3% of 8th graders, 19.9% of 10th graders and 33.2% of 12th graders had drunk alcohol in the month before the survey.
- Using marijuana at a young age can result in structural and functional deficits of the brain. This could cause you to develop weakened verbal and communication skills, lowered learning capabilities and a shortened attention span.
- When recommended by a doctor, prescription drugs can be beneficial. But when abused, they can be very dangerous and addictive. At too high a dose, or when combined with alcohol, they can easily become deadly.
- Research shows that 1 in 25 teens, from across the country, has abused cough medicine to get high.

* Taylor DM, Miller TR. (2015). Methodology: Underage Drinking Fact Sheets. Calverton, MD: PIRE, <http://www.udetc.org/documents/Underage-Cost-Methods-082807.pdf>

Hancock County Substance Abuse Related Information

- Results from the 2017 Community Survey conducted by NASA showed the following (249 Respondents):
 - 41.1% (101) believe that alcohol is very much a problem.
 - 66.7% (166) are aware of youth who use alcohol.
- Hancock County Sheriff's Department reports from June 30, 2013 – June 30, 2014, the Underage Drinking Task Force had 123 minor consumption arrests. From June 30, 2014 – June 30, 2015 there were 97. From June 30, 2015 – June 30, 2016 there were 52. From June 30, 2016 – June 30, 2017 there were 59.
- According to the Indiana Prevention Resource Center's Indiana Youth Survey (2017 INYS), the "Everyone is Doing It" myth is debunked. The rates below represent NON-use in the past 30 days:
- 81.3% of Hancock County 11th graders have not used alcohol.
- 93.4% of Hancock County 11th graders are not binge drinking (data represents 2 weeks previous to survey).
- 92.1% of Hancock County 11th graders are not using marijuana.
- 99.3% of Hancock County 11th graders are not abusing over-the-counter medications.
- 97.6% of Hancock County 11th graders are not abusing prescription medications.



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