Livingston/Washtenaw Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency

SAFE and SOUND 2010 - *Pocket Profile of Youth Survey Results*

(Substance Abuse Factors in our Environment and Survey for Understanding Neighborhood Determinants)

The Substance Abuse Factors in our Environment and Survey for Understanding Neighborhood Determinants is a survey conducted by the Livingston/Washtenaw Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency (SACA), Substance Abuse Monitoring, Assessment And Recommendation Team (SMART) in Fall 2009. The purpose of the survey was to assess use, perceived risks, availability, protective factors, parental perception of youth substance use, perceived parental efficacy, access to substances, enforcement and awareness of related laws and perceived community norms encouraging substance abuse among randomly selected Washtenaw County and Livingston County adults and youth (ages 12-17 years old). A major goal of the survey method design was to enable comparisons between adult and youth responses, including parental influence on youth substance use and attitudes. Survey questions were taken from the Washtenaw and Livingston County Behavioral Risk Factor Surveys, the National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, the Ohio Drug Free Alliance 'Parents Who Host' survey, and the Paula Feathers 'Community Readiness' surveys.

Youth Survey Questions - *abbreviated versions*	Total	Washtenaw	Livingston
Use			
Ever drank alcohol more than a few sips - *yes*	**23.5%**	**25.1%**	**20.1%**
Ever smoked cigarette - *yes*	**9.1%**	**8.8%**	**9.8%**
Ever used marijuana - *yes*	**8.6%**	**10.3%**	**5.6%**
Ever taken a prescription drug such as Ritalin, Adderall, or Xanax without a doctor's prescription?-*yes*	**3%**	**2.6%**	**3.8%**
Ever taken painkillers such as Oxycontin, Codeine, Percocet, Vicodin, or Tylenol III without a doctor's prescription? - *yes*	**4.7%**	**5.8%**	**2.8%**
Main reason you have never used alcohol? (for youth who stated they have never used)			
It is dangerous	**20.3%**	**22.3%**	**17.1%**
It is illegal	**18.4%**	**17.7%**	**19.4%**
Parents will not allow	**10%**	**9.2%**	**11.4%**
Main reason you have never used marijuana? (for youth who stated they have never used)			
It is illegal	**18.7%**	**20.1%**	**16.4%**
It is dangerous	**17.4%**	**17.6%**	**17.1%**
Will lead to bigger problems when I am an adult	**9.9%**	**6.9%**	**15%**
Perceived Availability and Risk			
Beer or Wine – how hard to access - *easy or very easy*	**49.6%**	**50.3%**	**48.5%**
Marijuana – how hard to access - *easy or very easy*	**38.9%**	**43.6%**	**30.8%**
Illegal drugs accessed on school property in past 12 months - *yes*	**9.7%**	**10.0%**	**9.0%**
Cigarettes, one pack/day – perceived risk – *great risk*	**77.9%**	**79.3%**	**75.3%**
Binge drinking – perceived risk – *great risk*	**53.3%**	**51.8%**	**56.0%**
Marijuana regular use – perceived risk - *great risk*	**70.4%**	**68.6%**	**73.5%**
Individual, Family, Community Norms/Beliefs			
Alcohol – your parents' perception of wrongness for you to use regularly- *wrong or very wrong*	**97.4%**	**96.8%**	**98.5%**
Acceptable for youth to drink alcohol – *extremely, quite or slightly acceptable*	**12.6%**	**14.7%**	**9.0%**
Marijuana – your parents perception of wrongness for you to use regularly- *wrong or very wrong*	**98.2%**	**97.8%**	**98.9%**
Marijuana – how wrong for someone your age to use - *wrong or very wrong*	**86.9%**	**86.3%**	**88.1%**
Number of your friends drunk in past month - *all or most*	**6.3%**	**6.6%**	**5.6%**
Marijuana – number friends use in past month - *all or most*	**8.3%**	**10.2%**	**4.9%**
Protective Factors – School, neighborhood, family, friends			
School work is meaningful and important - *almost always or often*	**61.7%**	**60.8%**	**63.1%**
I do things that make a difference - *definitely true or mostly true*	**79.6%**	**80.3%**	**78.3%**
Adults in my neighborhood I could talk to about something important - *definitely true*	**42.3%**	**43.2%**	**40.6%**
Share thoughts and feelings with mother - *definitely true or mostly true*	**82.5%**	**81.8%**	**83.7%**
Share thoughts and feelings with father - *definitely true or mostly true*	**69.0%**	**69.5%**	**68.0%**
Parents give chance to do fun things with them-*definitely true or mostly true*	**91.7%**	**90.8%**	**93.3%**

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My family has clear rules about alcohol use. - *definitely true or mostly true*	**95.0%**	**93.9%**	**96.8%**
Parents would know if I was not home on time - *definitely true or mostly true*	**94.4%**	**92.9%**	**97.2%**
Environment and Community Affects Underage Drinking			
Alcohol – underage easy to purchase from retailers - *strongly agree or agree*	**20.4%**	**20.7%**	**19.7%**
Alcohol – laws for underage drinkers enforced- *strongly agree or agree*	**60.3%**	**59.5%**	**61.8%**
Alcohol –easy to access from friends and family - *strongly agree or agree*	**37.7%**	**38.1%**	**37.1%**
Community perceives underage drinking as risky- *strongly agree or agree*	**74.6%**	**74.9%**	**74.2%**
Alcohol promoted in advertising and sporting events in my community- *strongly agree or agree*	**60.8%**	**63.0%**	**56.8%**
Alcohol prices affordable for underage drinkers- *strongly agree or agree*	**36.7%**	**38.3%**	**33.9%**
Access and Consumption			
Based on what you have seen and heard, where do you think underage youth get their alcohol?			
Friends buy or provide	**51.5%**	**52%**	**50.7%**
Parents buy or provide	**36.6%**	**38.3%**	**33.6%**
Other adults buy	**31.8%**	**32.3%**	**30.9%**
Take from home	**30.3%**	**28%**	**34.1%**
Use False Identification	**18.1%**	**19.8%**	**15.1%**
Based on what you have seen and heard, where do you think underage youth drink their alcohol?			
Friend's homes	**64.3%**	**65.7%**	**61.8%**
Social Events	**39%**	**36.9%**	**61.8%**
Parent's homes	**38%**	**42%**	**30.5%**
Parks	**28.6%**	**27.2%**	**31.3%**
Relative's homes	**18.1%**	**18.5%**	**17.2%**
Parties and Underage Drinking			
Past four months, you asked parents permission to attend party alcohol served - *yes*	**6.8%**	**7.1%**	**6.2%**
Parents approved of you attending - *approve extremely, quite or slightly*	**52.0%**	**62.5%**	**33.3%**
Past two months you attended party where alcohol served – *yes definitely or yes probably*	**16.8%**	**17.4%**	**15.9%**
Drank alcohol at that party– *yes definitely or yes probably*	**33.8%**	**38.1%**	**26.1%**
Media and Knowledge of Laws Regarding Underage Drinking			
Within the past two months have you read or heard any media messages about the dangers of underage drinking? - *yes*	**66.7%**	**68.0%**	**64.5%**
The information led to a discussion between you and your parent(s) about the dangers of teens going to a house party where alcohol is served? *strongly or somewhat agree*	**35.8%**	**33.8%**	**39.2%**
You cannot knowingly allow a person under the age of 21, other than your child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol. - true	**77.8%**	**75.2%**	**82.0%**

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