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The questions in this survey are based on questions included in a survey instrument used by SERAC to determine attitudes, perceptions and behaviors of youth with regard to substance use. The youth survey was derived from the Connecticut Governor's Prevention Initiative for Youth (GPIY) survey [1], which was designed to ascertain prevalence, attitudes and behaviors related to use of substances (tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs). The objective of this community adult survey was to determine perception and attitudes about substance use in general and youth substance use in particular among adults in the region.

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### **METHODS**

The survey instrument used to collect the data for this report was created based on the SERAC Standard Youth Survey which has been administered to youth throughout Connecticut. Some questions derived from the Quantitative Services Parent Survey [2] were used with permission.

The SERAC 2015 Community Adult Survey was administered online using the SurveyMoneky.com website. Efforts were made to encourage participation of community members from throughout the region. A total of 1367 responses were collected.

Participants who reported being parents were instructed to answer subsequent questions with regard to their oldest child enrolled in Grade 12 or below in 2015.

Responses from individuals who answered at least one question in addition to the demographic questions at the beginning of the survey were included in the analysis. A total of 51 were excluded for failure to answer any questions other than the demographic questions or for reporting a town of residence outside of the SERAC region.

The data have been weighted to correct for imbalances in sample sizes from the various communities.

All statistical and tabulation computations were carried out using SPSS® version 23. Data checking and formatting operations were done using Microsoft Excel. The final report was produced using Microsoft Word. All software is licensed to SERAC.

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### RESULTS

Responses were collected from a total of 1367 individuals representing 19 of the 20 communities in the SERAC region (Table 1). Responses from 51 individuals (4%) individuals were excluded for failure to answer any questions other than the demographic questions or for reporting a town of residence outside of the SERAC region. Responses from the remaining 1316 participants are summarized in the tables below. The majority of respondents (76%) were female (Table 2). Nearly all (95%) were White (Table 3). This is higher than the 2014 Census data which shows that about 84% of residents of the communities in the SERAC region are White. About 52% of all respondents reported having children of school age enrolled in public or private school or home-schooled (Table 4). About 34% of parents reported that their oldest child was in Elementary School (Pre-K to grade 6), 15% reported their oldest child was in Middle School (grades 7, 8) and 51% reported that their oldest child was in High School (grades 9-12, Table 5).

Overall about 40% of parents reported that their oldest child spends no time after school without an adult present. However, the rates range from 78% among elementary aged children to 18% among high school aged children (Table 7). Overall, about 5% of parents reported that their oldest child spends more than 4 hours after school without an adult present.

Overall, nearly all parents (82%) reported that it is **definitely true** when their oldest child is away from home they know where they are and who they are with (Table 8).

More than 90% of all parents reported that it is **definitely true** that their family has clear rules discouraging their oldest child from smoking cigarettes/using tobacco, using electronic cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages, using marijuana or using prescription drugs without a prescription (Table 9). About 75% of all parents reported that it is **definitely true** that their family has clear rules discouraging their oldest child from gambling.

Parents were asked how easy they thought it would be for their oldest child to get various substances if they wanted to (Table 10). Illicit drugs (73% **very hard**) and a gun (77% **very hard**) were perceived as the hardest to get while alcohol (30% **very hard**) was perceived as the easiest to get.

Parents were asked whether they thought their oldest child had engaged in certain behaviors in the past 30 days (Table 11). No parents thought that their oldest child had used inhalants, illicit drugs other than marijuana or a prescription drug without a prescription in the past 30 days. Less than 1% of parents thought that their oldest child had used cigarettes, other tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or an energy drink containing alcohol in the past 30 days. About 1% of parents thought that their oldest child had gambled in the past 30 days or was considered a bully. About 2% of parents thought that their oldest child had drunk alcoholic beverages or had used marijuana in the past 30 days. The largest percentage of parents (10%) thought their oldest child had used an energy drink in the past 30 days.

Parents were asked about their perception of sources of alcohol among youth who drink (Table 12). The largest percentage of parents (71%) perceived that youth get alcohol from their

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**parents without permission.** The smallest percentage of parents (22%) perceived that youth get alcohol from **a restaurant**.

Parents were asked about the behaviors of the adults in their household (Table 13). About 10% of parents reported that an adult in their household smokes cigarettes. About 79% of parents reported that an adult in their household uses alcohol. In addition, 28% of parents reported that an adult in their household gambles.

Parents were asked about their perception about the risk of harm if youth engage in certain behaviors (Table 14). Between 65 and 67% of parents felt is **great risk** if their oldest child smokes cigarettes, drinks 5 or more alcoholic drinks 1 to 2 times per week, has 1 or 2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day or uses marijuana 1 to 2 times per week. Slightly more parents (70%) felt there is **great risk** if their oldest child misuses prescription drugs without a prescription.

Parents were asked how wrong they felt it would be for youth in their oldest child's grade to engage in various behaviors (Table 15). More than 90% of parents felt it would be **very wrong** for youth in their oldest child's grade to have 1 to 2 alcoholic beverages nearly every day (95%), smoke marijuana (94%) or misuse a prescription drug without a prescription. The fewest parents (80%) felt that it would be **very wrong** for youth in their oldest child's grade to gamble.

Parents were asked if they thought youth in their oldest child's grade should be allowed to drink so they can learn to drink responsibly (Table 16). Nearly all parents felt it was **definitely not true**. However, about 2% felt it was **mostly true** and 0.4% were **unsure**.

Parents were asked if they had provided alcohol to youth in the past year (Table 17). About 1% reported that there had been a party at their house in the past year at which alcohol was consumed by their oldest child's friends. Nearly none (0.2%) reported having purchased alcohol for someone under the age of 21 in the past year. However, 1.2% reported that they did not know.

Parents were asked whether alcohol and prescription medication were secured in their homes (Table 18). About 15% reported that it was **definitely true** that alcohol was secured in their home while about 24% reported that it was **definitely true** that prescription drugs were secured in their home.

Parents were asked how confident they were in knowing what to do if they believed that their oldest child was abusing a substance or substances (Table 19). Parents of elementary youth (78% **very confident**) and high school youth (71% **very confident**) were most confident.

Non-parents were asked how easy they thought it would be for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade to get various substances if they wanted to (Table 20). Compared to parents, non-parents perceive that all substances are more available. Illicit drugs (9% **very hard**) and a gun (14% **very hard**) were perceived as the hardest to get while alcohol and cigarettes (1% **very hard**) were perceived as the easiest to get.

Non-parents were asked about their perception of sources of alcohol among youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade who drink (Table 21). The largest percentage of non-parents (98-99%) perceived that youth get alcohol from their **parents without permission, friends or siblings**. The smallest percentage of non-parents (44%) perceived that youth get alcohol from **a restaurant**.

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Non-parents were also asked about the behaviors of the adults in their household (Table 22). About 10% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household smokes cigarettes. About 81% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household uses alcohol. About 30% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household gambles. These rates are similar to those reported among parents.

Non-parents were asked about their perception about the risk of harm if youth in grade 10 engage in certain behaviors (Table 23). About 75% or more of non-parents feel there is **great risk** if youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade smoke cigarettes, drink 5 or more alcoholic drinks 1 to 2 times per week, drink 1 or 2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day or misuse prescription drugs. Only 50% of non-parents think there is **great risk** if youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade use marijuana 1 or 2 times per week.

Non-parents were asked how wrong they felt it would be for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade to engage in various behaviors (Table 24). Nearly all non-parents felt it would be **very wrong** for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade to have 1 to 2 alcoholic beverages nearly every day (80%) or misuse a prescription drug without a prescription (89%). About 60% of non-parents felt it would be very wrong for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade to smoke tobacco, smoke marijuana or gamble.

Non-parents were asked if they thought youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade should be allowed to drink so they can learn to drink responsibly (Table 26). Most non-parents (75%) felt it was **definitely not true**. However, about 3.5% felt it was **mostly true or definitely true** while nearly 2% were **unsure**.

Non-parents were asked if they had provided alcohol to youth in the past year (Table 26). Less than 1% reported that there had been a party at their house in the past year at which alcohol was consumed by youth under the age of 21. Similarly, less than 1% reported having purchased alcohol for someone under the age of 21 in the past year.

Non-parents were asked whether alcohol and prescription medication were secured in their homes (Table 27). About 14% reported that it was **definitely true** that alcohol was secured in their home while about 31% reported that it was **definitely true** that prescription drugs were secured in their home.



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## General Questions

### DATA TABLES

Table 1: Survey Participants by Community of Residence

Community	Parent	Non-parent	Total
Bozrah	2	2	4
Colchester	41	15	56
East Lyme	77	40	117
Griswold	81	67	148
Groton	11	24	35
Ledyard	96	142	238
Lisbon	6	6	12
Lyme / Old Lyme	142	80	222
Montville	29	28	57
New London	4	11	15
North Stonington	2	4	6
Norwich	22	51	73
Preston	1	6	7
Salem	4	1	5
Sprague	2	2	4
Stonington	9	10	19
Voluntown	150	122	272
Waterford	10	16	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1316</b>

Table 2: Reported Gender of Survey Participants

	Parent	Non-parent	% of Total
Female	514	481	76%
Male	170	143	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 3: Reported Race and Ethnicity of Survey Participants

	Parent	Non-parent	% of Total
White/Caucasian	653	596	95%
Black/African American	16	10	2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	16	8	2%
Native American	8	14	2%
Hispanic/Latino	17	9	2%
Other	6	8	1%

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Table 4: Individuals Reporting School Age Children

		<b>Number (n)</b>	<b>Percent (%)</b>
<b>Do you have any children of school age enrolled in public or private school or home-schooled?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	689	52%
	<b>No</b>	627	48%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1316</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Table 5: Grade of Oldest Child

Category	Grade	Grade Total (n)	Category Total (n)
Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Pre-K	19	203
	K	15	
	1	18	
	2	20	
	3	22	
	4	30	
	5	38	
Middle School (7,8)	6	41	85
	7	42	
High School (9-12)	8	43	304
	9	68	
	10	82	
	11	74	
Total	12	80	592
		592	

Table 6: Gender of Oldest Child

What is the gender of your oldest child?		Number (n)	Percent (%)
	Female	281	48%
	Male	308	52%
	Total	589	100%

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Table 7: Unsupervised Time

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>On a regular weekday, how many hours does your oldest child usually spend after school without an adult present?</b>	<b>None</b>	78.1%	25.0%	18.0%	38.1%
	<b>Less than 1 hour</b>	11.2%	49.3%	30.0%	26.9%
	<b>1 to 2 hours</b>	6.4%	20.0%	36.1%	24.3%
	<b>Up to 4 hours</b>	1.1%	5.7%	9.1%	6.0%
	<b>More than 4 hours</b>	3.3%	0.0%	6.8%	4.7%

Table 8: Parental Monitoring

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>When my child is away from home, I know where he/she is and who he/she is with.</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	2.6%	0.6%	0.6%	1.2%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.0%	3.2%	0.4%	0.7%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	5.3%	22.6%	20.9%	16.2%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	92.1%	73.5%	78.1%	81.9%

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Table 9: Family Rules – My family has clear rules discouraging my oldest child from doing the following:

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>Smoking cigarettes or using tobacco</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	2.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	1.3%	16.0%	4.4%	5.2%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	96.6%	83.8%	95.4%	94.0%
<b>Using electronic cigarettes</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	2.7%	0.2%	0.6%	1.2%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.2%	0.3%	2.6%	1.5%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	1.7%	16.2%	6.6%	6.5%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	95.4%	83.3%	90.2%	90.8%
<b>Drinking alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	1.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	4.3%	3.4%	3.9%	4.0%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	94.5%	96.4%	95.5%	95.3%
<b>Using marijuana</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	2.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	3.6%	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	94.0%	97.0%	98.6%	96.9%
<b>Using prescription drugs not prescribed to then</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	2.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	2.7%	3.1%	0.7%	1.7%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	95.2%	96.6%	99.1%	97.5%
<b>Gambling</b>	<b>Definitely NOT True</b>	3.5%	5.7%	1.2%	2.6%
	<b>Mostly NOT True</b>	6.4%	3.3%	6.6%	6.1%
	<b>Mostly True</b>	16.2%	14.7%	17.1%	16.4%
	<b>Definitely True</b>	73.9%	76.3%	75.1%	74.9%

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Table 10: Ease of Access – If your oldest child wanted to, how EASY would it be for them to get:

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
Alcoholic beverages	Very Easy	17.0%	17.9%	24.1%	20.9%
	Sort of Easy	10.0%	30.3%	30.3%	23.9%
	Sort of Hard	17.4%	21.0%	30.4%	24.9%
	Very Hard	55.6%	30.8%	15.3%	30.4%
Cigarettes	Very Easy	8.0%	24.0%	15.9%	14.6%
	Sort of Easy	6.9%	3.2%	14.8%	10.6%
	Sort of Hard	13.0%	24.2%	31.2%	24.4%
	Very Hard	72.1%	48.6%	38.0%	50.4%
Marijuana	Very Easy	5.4%	3.5%	9.7%	7.4%
	Sort of Easy	1.5%	23.8%	24.0%	16.9%
	Sort of Hard	7.5%	31.8%	23.5%	19.7%
	Very Hard	85.6%	40.9%	42.8%	56.0%
Prescription drugs without a prescription	Very Easy	2.9%	8.7%	3.6%	4.2%
	Sort of Easy	5.5%	19.4%	20.9%	15.8%
	Sort of Hard	16.9%	17.5%	32.8%	25.5%
	Very Hard	74.7%	54.5%	42.7%	54.5%
Illicit drugs	Very Easy	1.0%	2.6%	5.4%	3.6%
	Sort of Easy	4.6%	.6%	9.8%	6.7%
	Sort of Hard	5.1%	22.0%	22.2%	16.7%
	Very Hard	89.3%	74.7%	62.6%	72.9%
A gun	Very Easy	2.2%	9.5%	2.4%	3.4%
	Sort of Easy	1.4%	1.9%	5.8%	3.8%
	Sort of Hard	15.6%	10.4%	16.9%	15.5%
	Very Hard	80.7%	78.3%	74.9%	77.2%

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Table 11: Perceived Recent Use by Oldest Child – In the past 30 days, do you think your oldest child did the following?

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
Used cigarettes	Yes	0.0%	2.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Used other tobacco products	Yes	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.9%
Used electronic cigarettes	Yes	0.0%	2.1%	0.4%	0.5%
Drank alcoholic beverages	Yes	0.0%	2.1%	3.7%	2.3%
Used inhalants	Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Used an energy drink	Yes	1.0%	15.9%	14.5%	10.4%
Used an energy containing alcohol	Yes	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Used marijuana	Yes	0.0%	2.1%	3.3%	2.1%
Used other drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine or heroin	Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Used prescription drugs not prescribed to them	Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Gambled for money	Yes	1.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.2%
Are considered bullies	Yes	2.1%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%



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Table 12: Alcohol Sources – How often do you think youth in your oldest child’s grade who drink get their alcoholic beverages from the following sources?

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>Their parents with permission</b>	<b>Ever</b>	15.1%	45.7%	74.6%	51.2%
<b>Their parents without permission</b>	<b>Ever</b>	34.4%	81.0%	89.4%	70.6%
<b>Friends</b>	<b>Ever</b>	27.8%	79.2%	89.5%	68.3%
<b>A sister or brother</b>	<b>Ever</b>	30.2%	76.0%	86.3%	66.9%
<b>Other people buy it for them</b>	<b>Ever</b>	15.7%	61.4%	85.5%	59.5%
<b>A party with an adult’s permission</b>	<b>Ever</b>	13.4%	60.7%	80.0%	55.8%
<b>A store (they buy it themselves)</b>	<b>Ever</b>	7.2%	15.2%	39.4%	25.4%
<b>A restaurant</b>	<b>Ever</b>	5.5%	13.5%	33.9%	21.7%

Table 13: Adult Behaviors –Do any adults who live in your household engage in the following behaviors?

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>Smoke cigarettes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	9.1%	20.7%	8.2%	10.3%
<b>Use alcohol</b>	<b>Yes</b>	71.6%	74.8%	84.5%	78.9%
<b>Gamble</b>	<b>Yes</b>	30.4%	23.5%	28.0%	28.1%

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Table 14: Perceived Harm – How much do you think youth in your oldest child’s grade risk harming themselves if they do the following?

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>Smoke cigarettes (1+ packs/day)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	34.5%	4.4%	7.4%	15.5%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	3.3%	14.0%	8.4%	7.6%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	1.8%	3.8%	13.0%	8.0%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	57.9%	73.6%	66.9%	65.1%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.5%	4.1%	4.4%	3.8%
<b>Drink alcohol (5+ 1-2x/wk)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	35.4%	4.4%	5.3%	14.7%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	3.0%	14.0%	6.6%	6.6%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	0.3%	0.7%	10.4%	5.8%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	57.7%	76.7%	70.1%	67.2%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	3.6%	4.1%	7.5%	5.8%
<b>Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	36.3%	4.7%	5.0%	14.9%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	2.0%	0.7%	8.9%	5.5%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	4.2%	13.2%	13.8%	10.7%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	55.5%	76.7%	66.0%	64.3%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.0%	4.7%	6.2%	4.7%
<b>Use marijuana (1-2x/wk)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	36.3%	4.5%	4.6%	14.7%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	2.6%	4.9%	9.3%	6.5%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	4.3%	5.0%	16.8%	11.0%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	54.9%	81.0%	64.6%	64.0%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.0%	4.6%	4.8%	3.9%
<b>Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	36.4%	4.7%	6.0%	15.4%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	2.0%	0.5%	7.9%	4.9%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	0.6%	0.6%	5.9%	3.4%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	58.9%	90.0%	71.2%	70.2%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.1%	4.1%	8.9%	6.0%

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Table 15: Parental Disapproval of Youth Use – How wrong do you think it is for youth in your oldest child’s grade to do the following?

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
Smoke tobacco	Not at all wrong	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
	A little bit wrong	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%
	Wrong	2.5%	5.0%	16.1%	10.1%
	Very wrong	96.7%	95.0%	82.9%	89.1%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	Not at all wrong	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
	A little bit wrong	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
	Wrong	2.5%	2.4%	6.0%	4.4%
	Very wrong	96.7%	97.6%	93.9%	95.4%
Smoke marijuana	Not at all wrong	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
	Wrong	2.6%	2.8%	8.3%	5.7%
	Very wrong	96.7%	97.2%	91.4%	93.9%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	Not at all wrong	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	Wrong	2.5%	2.9%	3.8%	3.2%
	Very wrong	96.5%	97.1%	96.2%	96.4%
Gamble	Not at all wrong	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%
	A little bit wrong	1.1%	2.1%	5.5%	3.6%
	Wrong	4.9%	11.6%	22.9%	15.4%
	Very wrong	92.7%	86.3%	71.3%	80.4%

Table 16: I think that youth in my oldest child’s grade should be allowed to drink, so they learn how to drink responsibly.

Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
Definitely NOT True	97.4%	93.2%	88.1%	91.8%
Mostly NOT True	2.0%	6.8%	7.6%	5.7%
Mostly True	0.2%	0.0%	3.7%	2.0%
Definitely True	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
I don’t know	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%

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Table 17: Providing Alcohol to Youth

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
During the past year, has there been a party at your home at which alcohol was consumed by your oldest child's friends?	Yes	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.9%
	No	100.0%	91.8%	96.4%	96.8%
	I don't know	0.0%	8.2%	1.9%	2.2%
In the past year, have you purchased alcohol for somebody under the age of 21?	Yes	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
	No	95.8%	99.7%	99.9%	98.6%
	I don't know	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%

Table 18: Securing Products in Home

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
Alcohol is secured in my home.	Does not apply	13.4%	19.5%	9.0%	12.0%
	Definitely NOT True	24.1%	32.1%	45.6%	36.7%
	Mostly NOT True	11.6%	21.1%	19.4%	17.2%
	Mostly True	27.4%	19.9%	14.6%	19.5%
	Definitely True	23.3%	7.4%	11.6%	14.7%
Any prescription drugs are secured in my home.	Does not apply	13.0%	10.4%	11.8%	12.0%
	Definitely NOT True	15.3%	21.9%	35.0%	26.7%
	Mostly NOT True	8.3%	17.5%	20.4%	16.1%
	Mostly True	32.5%	25.8%	14.1%	21.7%
	Definitely True	30.9%	24.5%	18.8%	23.5%

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Table 19: Confidence in Knowing What to Do

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>How confident are you that you would know what to do if you believed your oldest child was abusing a substance or substances</b>	<b>Very confident</b>	77.6%	44.3%	71.2%	69.2%
	<b>Fairly confident</b>	18.9%	54.3%	21.3%	25.6%
	<b>Not too confident</b>	3.4%	1.5%	5.6%	4.3%
	<b>Not at all confident</b>	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.0%

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Table 20: Ease of Access – If they wanted to, how EASY do you think it would be for a student in 10th grade to get the following?

Question	Response	Non-Parents		High School (9-12) Parents for comparison
Alcoholic beverages	Very Easy	55.1%		24.1%
	Sort of Easy	36.8%		30.3%
	Sort of Hard	6.9%		30.4%
	Very Hard	1.2%		15.3%
Cigarettes	Very Easy	58.6%		15.9%
	Sort of Easy	35.0%		14.8%
	Sort of Hard	5.1%		31.2%
	Very Hard	1.2%		38.0%
Marijuana	Very Easy	57.9%		9.7%
	Sort of Easy	37.1%		24.0%
	Sort of Hard	3.5%		23.5%
	Very Hard	1.5%		42.8%
Prescription drugs without a prescription	Very Easy	27.6%		3.6%
	Sort of Easy	43.7%		20.9%
	Sort of Hard	25.3%		32.8%
	Very Hard	3.3%		42.7%
Illicit drugs	Very Easy	18.1%		5.4%
	Sort of Easy	30.5%		9.8%
	Sort of Hard	42.1%		22.2%
	Very Hard	9.3%		62.6%
A gun	Very Easy	13.2%		2.4%
	Sort of Easy	26.3%		5.8%
	Sort of Hard	46.3%		16.9%
	Very Hard	14.2%		74.9%

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Table 21: Alcohol Sources – How often do you think kids in 10<sup>th</sup> grade who drink get their alcoholic beverages from the following sources?

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12) Parents For comparison
Their parents with permission	Ever	87.1%	74.6%
Their parents without permission	Ever	98.1%	89.4%
Friends	Ever	98.5%	89.5%
A sister or brother	Ever	97.8%	86.3%
Other people buy it for them	Ever	96.2%	85.5%
A party with and adult's permission	Ever	87.1%	80.0%
A store (they buy it themselves)	Ever	59.2%	39.4%
A restaurant	Ever	44.4%	33.9%

Table 22: Adult Behaviors – Do any adults who live in your household engage in the following behaviors?

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12)
Smoke cigarettes	Yes	10.0%	8.2%
Use alcohol	Yes	81.4%	84.5%
Gamble	Yes	29.7%	28.0%

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Table 23: Perceived Harm – How much do you think youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade risk harming themselves if they do the following?

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12) Parents for comparison
Smoke cigarettes (1+ packs/day)	No Risk	1.3%	7.4%
	Slight Risk	6.0%	8.4%
	Moderate Risk	14.1%	13.0%
	Great Risk	76.9%	66.9%
	I don't know	1.7%	4.4%
Drink alcohol (5+ 1-2x/wk)	No Risk	0.9%	5.3%
	Slight Risk	6.3%	6.6%
	Moderate Risk	14.4%	10.4%
	Great Risk	76.6%	70.1%
	I don't know	1.8%	7.5%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	No Risk	2.7%	5.0%
	Slight Risk	8.7%	8.9%
	Moderate Risk	11.6%	13.8%
	Great Risk	74.9%	66.0%
	I don't know	2.2%	6.2%
Use marijuana (1-2x/wk)	No Risk	3.1%	4.6%
	Slight Risk	10.0%	9.3%
	Moderate Risk	35.4%	16.8%
	Great Risk	49.6%	64.6%
	I don't know	2.0%	4.8%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	No Risk	0.4%	6.0%
	Slight Risk	5.8%	7.9%
	Moderate Risk	12.3%	5.9%
	Great Risk	78.1%	71.2%
	I don't know	3.5%	8.9%



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Table 24: Parent and Non-parent Disapproval of Youth Use – How wrong do you think it is for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade to do the following?

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12) Parents for comparison
Smoke tobacco	Not at all wrong	0.2%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	4.3%	0.9%
	Wrong	35.5%	16.1%
	Very wrong	60.0%	82.9%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	Not at all wrong	0.1%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	2.6%	0.1%
	Wrong	17.0%	6.0%
	Very wrong	80.3%	93.9%
Smoke marijuana	Not at all wrong	0.6%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	9.7%	0.3%
	Wrong	29.6%	8.3%
	Very wrong	60.1%	91.4%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	Not at all wrong	0.1%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	0.8%	0.1%
	Wrong	10.3%	3.8%
	Very wrong	88.8%	96.2%
Gamble	Not at all wrong	0.3%	0.4%
	A little bit wrong	10.9%	5.5%
	Wrong	31.2%	22.9%
	Very wrong	57.6%	71.3%

Table 25: I think that youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade should be allowed to drink, so they learn how to drink responsibly.

Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12)
Definitely NOT True	75.1%	88.1%
Mostly NOT True	19.9%	7.6%
Mostly True	2.5%	3.7%
Definitely True	1.0%	0.0%
I don't know	1.6%	0.6%

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Table 26: Providing Alcohol to Youth

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12) Parents For comparison
During the past year, has there been a party at your home at which alcohol was consumed by youth under the age of 21	Yes	0.6%	1.7%
	No	98.6%	96.4%
	I don't know	0.8%	1.9%
In the past year, have you purchased alcohol for somebody under the age of 21?	Yes	0.5%	0.1%
	No	99.0%	99.9%
	I don't know	0.5%	0.0%

Table 27: Securing Products in Home

Question	Response	Non-Parents	High School (9-12) Parents For comparison
Alcohol is secured in my home.	Does not apply	30.8%	9.0%
	Definitely NOT True	28.4%	45.6%
	Mostly NOT True	10.9%	19.4%
	Mostly True	15.8%	14.6%
	Definitely True	14.1%	11.6%
Any prescription drugs are secured in my home.	Does not apply	22.1%	11.8%
	Definitely NOT True	18.4%	35.0%
	Mostly NOT True	10.5%	20.4%
	Mostly True	17.9%	14.1%
	Definitely True	31.1%	18.8%