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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 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 [1] were used with permission.

The SERAC 2017 Community Adult Survey was administered online using the SurveyMonkey.com website. Efforts were made to encourage participation of community members from throughout the region. A total of 578 responses were collected.

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 120 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 24. 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 578 individuals. Responses from 120 individuals, 21% of respondents, 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 responses from the remaining 458 participants, representing 19 of the 20 communities in the SERAC region are summarized in this report (Table 1). Most respondents (71%) were female (Table 2). Nearly all (89%) were White (Table 3). About 38% of all respondents reported having children of school age enrolled in public or private school or home-schooled (Table 4). About 27% of parents reported that their oldest child was in Elementary School (Pre-K to grade 6), 22% 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).

*Participants who reported being parents were instructed to answer subsequent questions with regard to their oldest child enrolled in Grade 12 or below in 2017.*

Overall about 41% of parents reported that their oldest child spends no time after school without an adult present. However, the rates range from 95% among elementary aged children to 14% among high school aged children (Table 7). Overall, about 10% of parents reported that their oldest child spends more than 4 hours after school without an adult present.

Overall, most parents (70%) 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).

Most (90% or more) 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). Only about 65% 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 (62% **very hard**) and a gun (69% **very hard**) were perceived as the hardest to get while alcohol (23% **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). About 3-5% of parents thought that their oldest child had used cigarettes, other tobacco products, alcohol or marijuana or had gambled in the past 30 days. The fewest parents (less than 1%) thought that their oldest child had used inhalants or prescription drugs without a prescription in the past 30 days. About 3% of parents thought that their oldest child had gambled in the past 30 days while about 6% of parents reported that their child was considered a bully. The largest percentage of parents, about 15%, 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 (73%) perceived that youth get alcohol from their

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**parents without permission** or **friends**. The smallest percentage of parents (20%) perceived that youth get alcohol from **a restaurant**.

Parents were asked about the behaviors of the adults in their household (Table 13). About 16% of parents reported that an adult in their household smokes cigarettes. About 78% of parents reported that an adult in their household uses alcohol. In addition, 30% of parents reported that an adult in their household gambles.

Parents were asked about their perception of the risk of harm if youth engage in certain behaviors (Table 14). Between 64 and 71% of parents felt there 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 or 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). About 92% of parents felt it would be **very wrong** for youth in their oldest child's grade to misuse a prescription drug without a prescription. Slightly fewer parents felt it would be very wrong for youth their oldest child's age to smoke tobacco (88%), have 1-2 alcoholic drinks daily (88%) or smoke marijuana (86%). The fewest parents (75%) 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 (90%) felt it was **definitely not true**. However, 2% were **unsure**.

Parents were asked if they had provided alcohol to youth in the past year (Table 17). No parents 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. Slightly more, 1.2%, reported having purchased alcohol for someone under the age of 21 in the past year.

Parents were asked whether alcohol and prescription medication were secured in their homes (Table 18). About 11% reported that it was **definitely true** that alcohol was secured in their home while about 30% 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 middle school youth (74% **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 (8% **very hard**) and a gun (16% **very hard**) were perceived as the hardest to get while alcohol (0.6% **very hard**) was 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%) perceived that youth get alcohol from their **parents without permission, friends or siblings**. The smallest percentage of non-parents (39%) 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 15% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household smokes cigarettes. About 77% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household uses alcohol. About 34% of non-parents reported that an adult in their household gambles.

Non-parents were asked about their perception about the risk of harm if youth in grade 10 engage in certain behaviors (Table 23). About three-quarters of non-parents feel there is **great risk** if youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade misuse prescription drugs. Slightly fewer, about two-thirds 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 or drink 1 or 2 alcoholic drinks nearly every day. Less than half of non-parents, 44%, 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). Most 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 (79%) or misuse a prescription drug without a prescription (85%). Fewer non-parents (53-62%) 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 (72%) felt it was **definitely not true**. However, about 9% felt it was **mostly true or definitely true** while nearly 4% were **unsure**.

Non-parents were asked if they had provided alcohol to youth in the past year (Table 26). About 3% 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. 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 medications were secured in their homes (Table 27). About 15% reported that it was **definitely true** that alcohol was secured in their home. Nearly twice as many, 27%, reported that it was **definitely true** that prescription drugs were secured in their home.

### REFERENCES

1. Swindell, A. (2008). Quantitative Services Parent Survey.



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## General Questions

### DATA TABLES

Table 1: Survey Participants Included in the Analysis by Community of Residence (unweighted)

Community	Participants	% of sample	% of population	Weight
Bozrah	2	1.0%	0.4%	2.27
Colchester	9	6.1%	2.0%	3.11
East Lyme	23	7.2%	5.0%	1.42
Griswold	52	4.5%	11.4%	0.40
Groton	60	15.1%	13.1%	1.16
Ledyard	16	5.7%	3.5%	1.63
Lisbon	4	1.6%	0.9%	1.88
Lyme / Old Lyme	151	3.8%	33.0%	0.12
Montville	13	7.4%	2.8%	2.62
New London	12	10.4%	2.6%	3.97
North Stonington	5	2.0%	1.1%	1.83
Norwich	33	15.3%	7.2%	2.12
Preston	7	1.8%	1.5%	1.17
Salem	2	1.6%	0.4%	3.64
Sprague	3	1.1%	0.7%	1.72
Stonington	48	7.0%	10.5%	0.67
Voluntown	4	1.0%	0.9%	1.13
Waterford	14	7.4%	3.1%	2.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>NA</b>

Table 2: Reported Gender of Survey Participants

	Parent	Non-parent	All
Female	75%	69%	71%
Male	25%	31%	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 3: Reported Race and Ethnicity of Survey Participants

	Parent	Non-parent	Total
White/Caucasian	91%	88%	89%
Black/African American	5%	5%	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	2%	2%
Native American	1%	5%	3%
Hispanic/Latino	4%	8%	6%
Other	0.1%	1.3%	0.9%

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Table 4: Individuals Reporting School Age Children

	<b>Response</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>	38%
	<b>No</b>	61%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Table 5: Grade of Oldest Child

Category	Grade	Percent	Category Percent
Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Pre-K	1%	27%
	K	3%	
	1	1%	
	2	2%	
	3	6%	
	4	6%	
	5	5%	
Middle School (7,8)	6	4%	22%
	7	12%	
High School (9-12)	8	11%	51%
	9	13%	
	10	12%	
	11	15%	
Total	12	11%	100%
		100%	

Table 6: Gender of Oldest Child

What is the gender of your oldest child?		Percent
	Female	46%
	Male	54%
	Total	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)
On a regular weekday, how many hours does your oldest child usually spend after school without an adult present?	None	95.3%	37.1%	13.6%	40.6%
	Less than 1 hour	0.0%	21.0%	24.6%	17.2%
	1 to 2 hours	0.8%	28.4%	38.5%	26.2%
	Up to 4 hours	0.0%	0.3%	10.7%	5.5%
	More than 4 hours	3.9%	13.2%	12.6%	10.4%

Table 8: Parental Monitoring

Question	Response	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
When my child is away from home, I know where he/she is and who he/she is with.	Definitely NOT True	6.9%	0.0%	6.3%	5.1%
	Mostly NOT True	0.0%	5.4%	5.4%	3.9%
	Mostly True	7.0%	20.3%	29.5%	21.4%
	Definitely True	86.2%	74.3%	58.8%	69.6%

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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)
Smoking cigarettes or using tobacco	Definitely NOT True	1.4%	0.0%	5.9%	3.4%
	Mostly NOT True	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%
	Mostly True	4.5%	5.4%	4.1%	4.5%
	Definitely True	94.1%	92.9%	90.0%	91.7%
Using electronic cigarettes	Definitely NOT True	8.0%	0.0%	8.6%	6.5%
	Mostly NOT True	0.3%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%
	Mostly True	2.5%	5.4%	3.2%	3.5%
	Definitely True	89.3%	92.9%	88.3%	89.6%
Drinking alcoholic beverages	Definitely NOT True	1.4%	0.0%	5.9%	3.4%
	Mostly NOT True	0.0%	1.7%	0.1%	0.4%
	Mostly True	0.0%	6.4%	5.8%	4.4%
	Definitely True	98.6%	91.9%	88.2%	91.8%
Using marijuana	Definitely NOT True	1.4%	0.0%	5.9%	3.4%
	Mostly NOT True	0.3%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%
	Mostly True	12.4%	5.4%	4.2%	6.7%
	Definitely True	85.9%	92.9%	89.9%	89.5%
Using prescription drugs not prescribed to then	Definitely NOT True	1.4%	0.0%	5.8%	3.3%
	Mostly NOT True	2.5%	1.7%	0.3%	1.2%
	Mostly True	3.0%	5.7%	1.1%	2.7%
	Definitely True	93.1%	92.6%	92.8%	92.9%
Gambling	Definitely NOT True	14.1%	0.9%	8.9%	8.5%
	Mostly NOT True	0.0%	6.6%	6.9%	5.0%
	Mostly True	18.6%	30.9%	20.0%	22.1%
	Definitely True	67.3%	61.6%	64.2%	64.5%

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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	19.0%	21.9%	38.7%	29.7%
	Sort of Easy	13.3%	36.9%	34.1%	29.2%
	Sort of Hard	15.0%	20.4%	19.2%	18.4%
	Very Hard	52.6%	20.8%	8.0%	22.8%
Cigarettes	Very Easy	2.5%	0.3%	25.5%	13.9%
	Sort of Easy	11.7%	35.8%	27.5%	25.0%
	Sort of Hard	19.7%	22.8%	19.0%	20.0%
	Very Hard	66.1%	41.1%	27.9%	41.0%
Marijuana	Very Easy	0.0%	0.6%	28.3%	14.6%
	Sort of Easy	9.9%	18.0%	24.5%	19.2%
	Sort of Hard	4.1%	25.3%	22.4%	18.3%
	Very Hard	86.0%	56.1%	24.7%	47.9%
Prescription drugs without a prescription	Very Easy	0.0%	0.3%	14.4%	7.4%
	Sort of Easy	4.5%	8.1%	19.2%	12.8%
	Sort of Hard	24.0%	39.6%	30.8%	31.0%
	Very Hard	71.5%	52.0%	35.6%	48.9%
Illicit drugs	Very Easy	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	4.2%
	Sort of Easy	4.5%	0.6%	11.5%	7.2%
	Sort of Hard	3.3%	36.4%	35.5%	27.1%
	Very Hard	92.2%	62.9%	44.7%	61.5%
A gun	Very Easy	0.0%	0.9%	11.9%	6.3%
	Sort of Easy	1.7%	4.6%	4.8%	3.9%
	Sort of Hard	3.3%	26.4%	27.8%	21.0%
	Very Hard	95.0%	68.1%	55.5%	68.8%

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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?

<b>Question</b>	<b>Elementary (Pre-K to 6)</b>	<b>Middle School (7,8)</b>	<b>High School (9-12)</b>	<b>Total (Pre-K to 12)</b>
<b>Used cigarettes</b>	0.0%	0.0%	7.2%	3.7%
<b>Used other tobacco products</b>	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	3.0%
<b>Used electronic cigarettes</b>	0.0%	0.0%	11.9%	6.1%
<b>Drank alcoholic beverages</b>	0.3%	0.0%	10.6%	5.4%
<b>Used inhalants</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
<b>Used an energy drink</b>	2.5%	0.6%	26.9%	14.5%
<b>Used an energy containing alcohol</b>	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	2.1%
<b>Used marijuana</b>	0.0%	0.0%	8.9%	4.6%
<b>Used other drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine or heroin</b>	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	1.5%
<b>Used prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
<b>Gambled for money</b>	2.5%	0.0%	4.5%	3.0%
<b>Are considered bullies</b>	6.8%	9.3%	5.0%	6.4%

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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>	22.3%	36.8%	73.7%	52.1%
<b>Their parents without permission</b>	<b>Ever</b>	36.3%	68.5%	92.8%	72.6%
<b>Friends</b>	<b>Ever</b>	23.8%	78.7%	95.6%	72.9%
<b>A sister or brother</b>	<b>Ever</b>	30.3%	75.6%	89.5%	70.8%
<b>Other people buy it for them</b>	<b>Ever</b>	18.1%	49.7%	89.6%	62.1%
<b>A party with an adult’s permission</b>	<b>Ever</b>	24.6%	52.6%	85.6%	62.3%
<b>A store (they buy it themselves)</b>	<b>Ever</b>	0.9%	11.6%	42.3%	24.7%
<b>A restaurant</b>	<b>Ever</b>	0.9%	11.9%	31.8%	19.3%

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

Question	Elementary (Pre-K to 6)	Middle School (7,8)	High School (9-12)	Total (Pre-K to 12)
<b>Smoke cigarettes</b>	27.6%	20.1%	8.3%	16.1%
<b>Use alcohol</b>	85.9%	88.7%	68.9%	77.9%
<b>Gamble</b>	30.2%	31.4%	29.4%	30.1%



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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>	13.0%	3.9%	7.2%	8.0%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	7.8%	14.5%	6.8%	8.8%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	0.8%	0.9%	15.1%	8.1%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	75.9%	64.8%	68.4%	69.6%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.5%	15.9%	2.5%	5.5%
<b>Drink alcohol (5+ 1-2x/wk)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	16.8%	8.0%	6.5%	9.6%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	3.3%	3.9%	7.2%	5.4%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	4.5%	10.5%	18.5%	12.9%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	72.9%	63.1%	66.5%	67.4%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.5%	14.6%	1.5%	4.7%
<b>Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	19.3%	7.0%	11.2%	12.4%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	0.8%	8.8%	8.6%	6.6%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	0.0%	6.2%	15.6%	9.3%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	77.4%	63.4%	63.1%	67.0%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.5%	14.6%	1.5%	4.7%
<b>Use marijuana (1-2x/wk)</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	15.4%	0.6%	8.0%	8.3%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	6.2%	12.6%	11.2%	10.2%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	6.8%	14.5%	15.0%	12.7%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	69.1%	57.7%	64.7%	64.3%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	2.5%	14.6%	1.0%	4.4%
<b>Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them</b>	<b>No Risk</b>	13.0%	6.0%	8.6%	9.2%
	<b>Slight Risk</b>	4.2%	9.9%	12.2%	9.6%
	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	3.9%	0.0%	10.9%	6.6%
	<b>Great Risk</b>	79.0%	69.3%	67.2%	70.8%
	<b>I don’t know</b>	0.0%	14.9%	1.0%	3.8%

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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	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.8%
	Wrong	0.0%	1.1%	19.9%	10.6%
	Very wrong	99.2%	98.9%	78.5%	88.3%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	Not at all wrong	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
	Wrong	0.0%	1.1%	21.2%	11.3%
	Very wrong	99.2%	98.9%	78.7%	88.4%
Smoke marijuana	Not at all wrong	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	3.0%
	Wrong	0.0%	1.1%	20.3%	10.8%
	Very wrong	99.2%	98.9%	74.0%	86.0%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	Not at all wrong	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	A little bit wrong	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	Wrong	2.5%	0.0%	13.6%	7.8%
	Very wrong	95.3%	100.0%	86.4%	91.6%
Gamble	Not at all wrong	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.2%
	A little bit wrong	2.5%	4.5%	7.2%	5.3%
	Wrong	18.8%	3.7%	24.5%	18.7%
	Very wrong	77.9%	91.8%	66.4%	74.7%

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	99.2%	99.7%	81.8%	90.4%
Mostly NOT True	0.0%	0.3%	12.8%	6.6%
Mostly True	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.7%
Definitely True	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%
I don’t know	0.8%	0.0%	3.7%	2.1%

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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%	0.0%	0.0%
	No	100.0%	100.0%	99.5%	99.7%
	I don't know	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%
In the past year, have you purchased alcohol for somebody under the age of 21?	Yes	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.2%
	No	100.0%	99.0%	97.8%	98.6%
	I don't know	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%

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	10.8%	8.6%	14.5%	12.2%
	Definitely NOT True	32.8%	36.4%	36.9%	35.7%
	Mostly NOT True	7.5%	10.1%	16.5%	12.7%
	Mostly True	35.5%	27.7%	24.3%	28.1%
	Definitely True	13.3%	17.2%	7.7%	11.3%
Any prescription drugs are secured in my home.	Does not apply	5.5%	21.2%	18.2%	15.5%
	Definitely NOT True	19.7%	9.3%	30.2%	22.7%
	Mostly NOT True	7.2%	6.4%	15.5%	11.2%
	Mostly True	33.7%	29.9%	9.5%	20.5%
	Definitely True	33.9%	33.2%	26.7%	30.1%

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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>	57.0%	74.2%	49.6%	57.1%
	<b>Fairly confident</b>	31.5%	15.7%	38.1%	31.2%
	<b>Not too confident</b>	11.5%	9.1%	12.4%	11.4%
	<b>Not at all confident</b>	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.2%

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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	49.1%		38.7%
	Sort of Easy	40.1%		34.1%
	Sort of Hard	10.3%		19.2%
	Very Hard	0.6%		8.0%
Cigarettes	Very Easy	53.4%		25.5%
	Sort of Easy	33.1%		27.5%
	Sort of Hard	10.5%		19.0%
	Very Hard	3.0%		27.9%
Marijuana	Very Easy	51.1%		28.3%
	Sort of Easy	39.6%		24.5%
	Sort of Hard	7.3%		22.4%
	Very Hard	2.0%		24.7%
Prescription drugs without a prescription	Very Easy	28.6%		14.4%
	Sort of Easy	44.7%		19.2%
	Sort of Hard	25.0%		30.8%
	Very Hard	1.7%		35.6%
Illicit drugs	Very Easy	19.0%		8.3%
	Sort of Easy	35.2%		11.5%
	Sort of Hard	37.6%		35.5%
	Very Hard	8.2%		44.7%
A gun	Very Easy	13.2%		11.9%
	Sort of Easy	31.5%		4.8%
	Sort of Hard	39.6%		27.8%
	Very Hard	15.7%		55.5%

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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	85.9%	73.7%
Their parents without permission	Ever	97.5%	92.8%
Friends	Ever	97.5%	95.6%
A sister or brother	Ever	95.1%	89.5%
Other people buy it for them	Ever	96.2%	89.6%
A party with and adult's permission	Ever	86.0%	85.6%
A store (they buy it themselves)	Ever	59.9%	42.3%
A restaurant	Ever	39.2%	31.8%

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	14.9%	8.3%
Use alcohol	Yes	76.8%	68.9%
Gamble	Yes	34.2%	29.4%

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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	3.1%	7.2%
	Slight Risk	11.0%	6.8%
	Moderate Risk	16.2%	15.1%
	Great Risk	67.2%	68.4%
	I don't know	2.5%	2.5%
Drink alcohol (5+ 1-2x/wk)	No Risk	1.5%	6.5%
	Slight Risk	9.7%	7.2%
	Moderate Risk	20.4%	18.5%
	Great Risk	66.6%	66.5%
	I don't know	1.8%	1.5%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	No Risk	3.3%	11.2%
	Slight Risk	11.2%	8.6%
	Moderate Risk	17.3%	15.6%
	Great Risk	66.3%	63.1%
	I don't know	1.9%	1.5%
Use marijuana (1-2x/wk)	No Risk	5.8%	8.0%
	Slight Risk	15.2%	11.2%
	Moderate Risk	33.0%	15.0%
	Great Risk	44.1%	64.7%
	I don't know	2.0%	1.0%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	No Risk	2.8%	8.6%
	Slight Risk	6.8%	12.2%
	Moderate Risk	14.8%	10.9%
	Great Risk	73.1%	67.2%
	I don't know	2.4%	1.0%

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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	0.4%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	7.0%	1.6%
	Wrong	30.4%	19.9%
	Very wrong	62.1%	78.5%
Drink alcohol (1-2 daily)	Not at all wrong	0.0%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	4.4%	0.1%
	Wrong	16.3%	21.2%
	Very wrong	79.3%	78.7%
Smoke marijuana	Not at all wrong	3.7%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	11.3%	5.7%
	Wrong	28.9%	20.3%
	Very wrong	56.1%	74.0%
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	Not at all wrong	0.0%	0.0%
	A little bit wrong	0.0%	0.0%
	Wrong	15.5%	13.6%
	Very wrong	84.5%	86.4%
Gamble	Not at all wrong	2.5%	1.8%
	A little bit wrong	12.4%	7.2%
	Wrong	31.8%	24.5%
	Very wrong	53.3%	66.4%

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	72.4%	81.8%
Mostly NOT True	15.0%	12.8%
Mostly True	8.1%	1.3%
Definitely True	0.8%	0.4%
I don't know	3.8%	3.7%



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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	2.6%	0.0%
	No	95.5%	99.5%
	I don't know	1.8%	0.5%
In the past year, have you purchased alcohol for somebody under the age of 21?	Yes	0.6%	2.0%
	No	98.3%	97.8%
	I don't know	1.2%	0.3%

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	30.4%	14.5%
	Definitely NOT True	31.7%	36.9%
	Mostly NOT True	9.0%	16.5%
	Mostly True	13.9%	24.3%
	Definitely True	14.9%	7.7%
Any prescription drugs are secured in my home.	Does not apply	25.3%	18.2%
	Definitely NOT True	24.0%	30.2%
	Mostly NOT True	7.5%	15.5%
	Mostly True	16.5%	9.5%
	Definitely True	26.7%	26.7%