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## TEEN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

### THE FACTS:

93% OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE USED ALCOHOL

66% OF HIGH SCHOOL DRINKERS SAY THEY DRINK AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH

37% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ADMIT TO HEAVY PARTY DRINKING ON A REGULAR BASIS, DEFINED AS 5 OR MORE DRINKS AT A TIME WITHIN A 2 WEEK PERIOD

5% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ADMIT TO BEING DAILY DRINKERS

10 TO 15% OF ALL 13-YEAR-OLDS HAVE TRIED ALCOHOL

55% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO DRINK STARTED BEFORE THE 9TH GRADE

ALCOHOL USE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AS MANY AS 65% OF ALL TEEN SUICIDES

ALCOHOL RELATED TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ARE THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF YOUTHS AGES 16 TO 24

EARLY USE OF ALCOHOL IS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER INCIDENCES OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE, ESPECIALLY WITH MARIJUANA AND COCAINE

58% OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE USED DRUGS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL

39% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS REPORT HAVING USED MARIJUANA IN THE LAST YEAR -- 23% IN THE LAST MONTH

13% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE USED COCAINE -- THE HIGHEST LEVEL EVER REPORTED

57% OF THE STUDENTS WHO USE DRUGS SAY THEY BUY THEIR DRUGS AT SCHOOL

33% OF THE STUDENTS WHO SMOKE POT SAY THEY HAVE SMOKED AT SCHOOL

60% OF THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE USED AMPHETAMINES SAY THEY HAVE USED AT SCHOOL

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THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS USING DRUGS PRIOR TO THE 6TH GRADE HAS TRIPLED SINCE 1975

STUDENTS THEMSELVES SEE DRUGS AS THE NUMBER ONE PROBLEM THEY ARE FACING, BUT MANY OF THEM DO NOT SEE ALCOHOL AS A DRUG

DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS, LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS INCREASED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS EXCEPT FOR THOSE AGE 15 TO 24

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