# Fairfield County Youth Behavior Survey 2012







# 2,690 Youth Surveyed 1,104 Seniors 1,586 Sophomores

#### Participating Schools

Amanda -Clearcreek Local School District

Berne Union Local School District

Bloom - Carroll Local School District

Fairfield Union Local School District

Fisher Catholic High School

Lancaster City School District

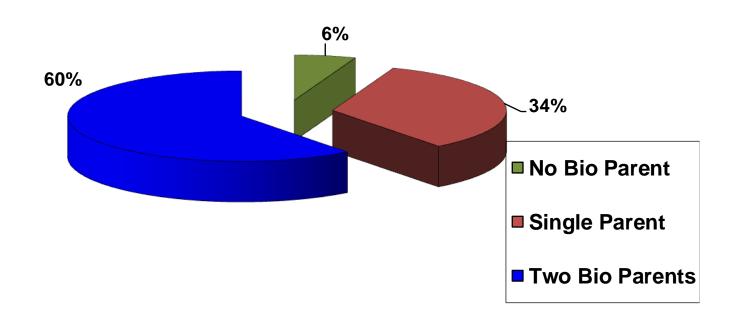
Liberty Union -Thurston Local School District

Pickerington Local School District - Central

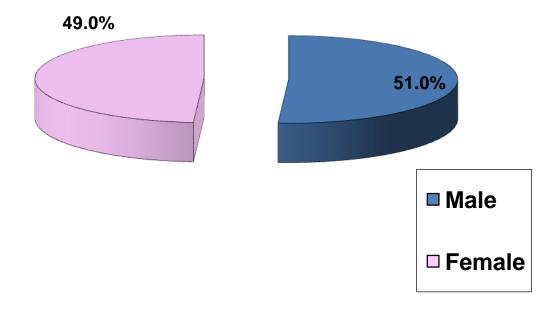
Pickerington Local School District - North

Walnut Township Local School District

## Student Demographics Family Status

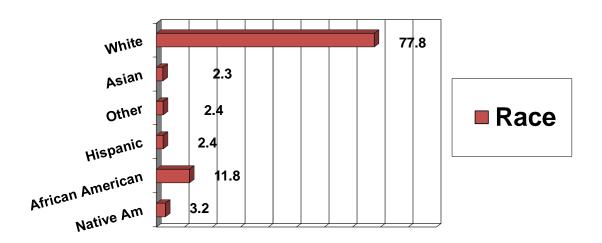


### Student Demographics - Gender

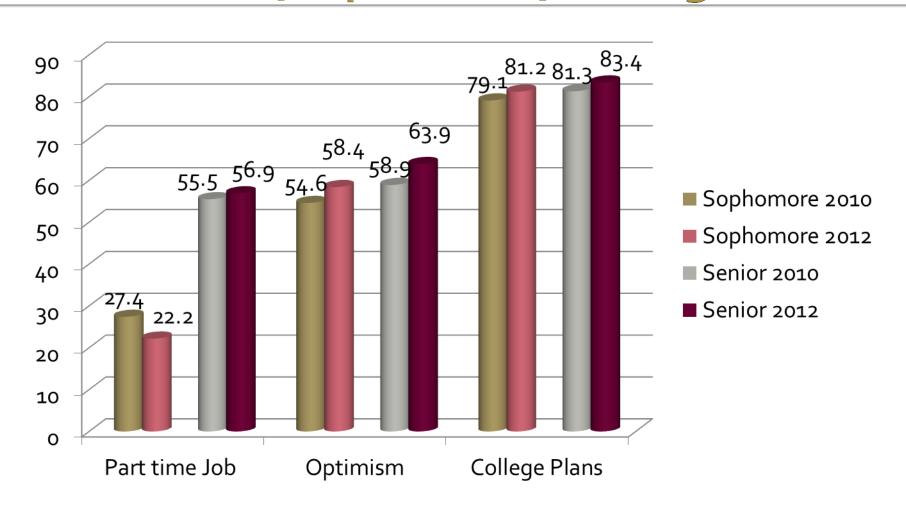


#### Student Demographic – Ethnicity

#### Percentage (%) of all students



### Student Profile – 2012 Jobs, Optimism, College



#### Fairfield County and the Nation Lifetime Prevalence – Seniors 2012

%	Fairfield County		Nation*	
	2010	2012	2009	2011
Alcohol	79.4	70.9	72.3	70
Tobacco	48	34.7	43.6	40
Marijuana	44.4	39.7	42	45.5
Rx	20.3	10.9	20.2 (2009 YRBSS)	21.7
Inhalants	7.6	3.3	9.5	8.1
Cocaine	7.6	3.6	6.0	5.2
Heroin	3.9	1.6	1.2	1.4
Methamphetamine	2.9	2.0	2.4	2.1
Steroid	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.8
Synthetics (Bath Salts, K2, Spice)	X	11.4	X	X

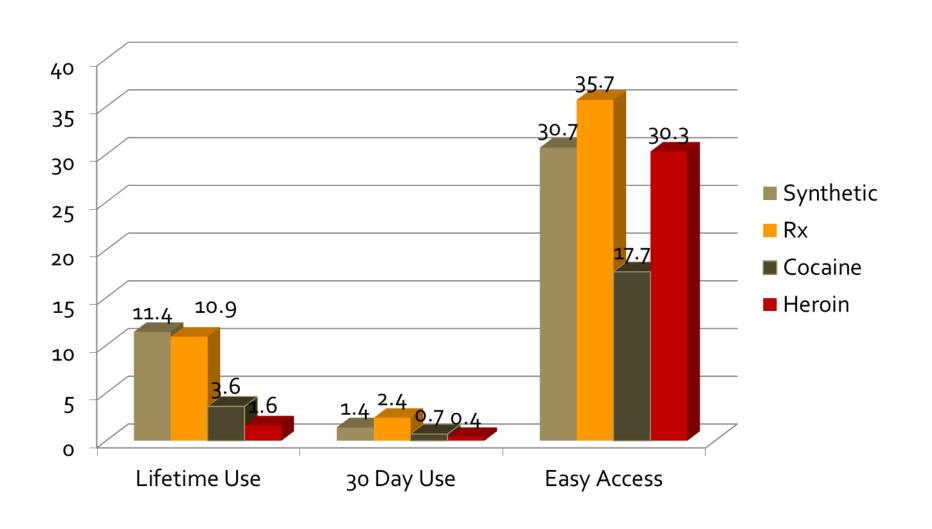
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#### Fairfield County and the Nation Thirty-Day Prevalence – Seniors 2012

%	Fairfield County		Nation *	
	2010	2012	2009	2011
Alcohol	34.7	21.1	43.5	40
Tobacco	22.5	14.1	20.1	18.7
Marijuana	20.3	16.4	20.6	22.6
Rx	5.7	2.4	Not available	7.2
Inhalants	0.8	.5	1.2	1.0
Cocaine	1.2	.7	1.3	1.1
Heroin	1.4	.4	.4	.4
Methamphetamine	1.0	.5	.5	.6
Synthetics (Bath Salts, K2, Spice)	X	1.4	X	X

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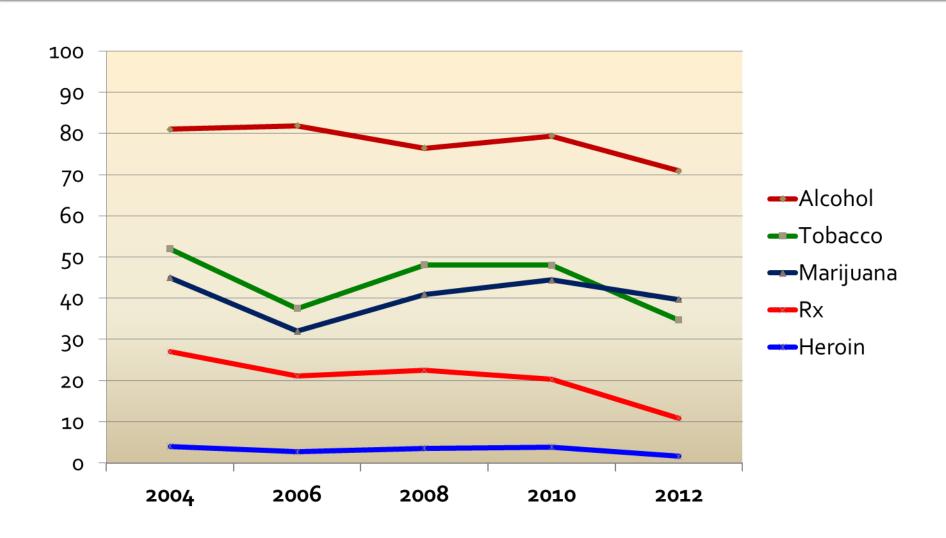
# Synthetic Drugs Comparison Seniors 2012



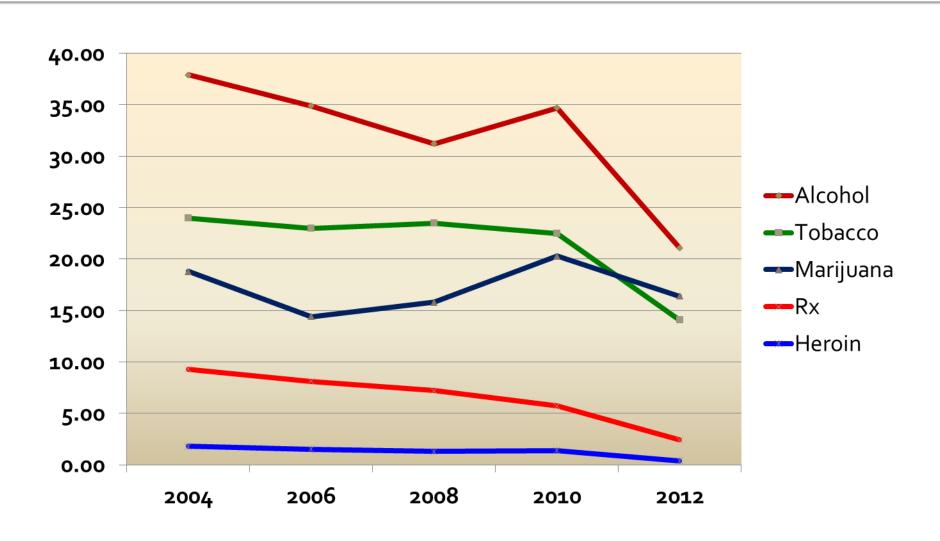
#### **New Data to Watch**

- Fairfield County High School Seniors 2012
  - Used over the counter drugs to get high 3.2%
  - Used illegal drugs on school grounds 6.4%
  - Drank alcohol on school grounds 3.5%
  - Drank alcohol and took prescription drugs at same time – 3.1%

### Trend: Lifetime Use Fairfield County Seniors



### Trend: 30 Day Use Fairfield County Seniors



## Age of Onset Seniors 2012

Years	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Alcohol	14.31	14.41	14.58	14.05	14.94
Tobacco	13.78	13.94	14.34	14.01	14.57
Marijuana	14.63	14.60	14.89	14.65	14.99
Rx Drugs	14.85	14.59	15.60	14.84	15.08
Synthetics (Bath Salts, K2, Spice)	X	X	X	X	15.56 (10 <sup>th</sup> graders – 14.48)

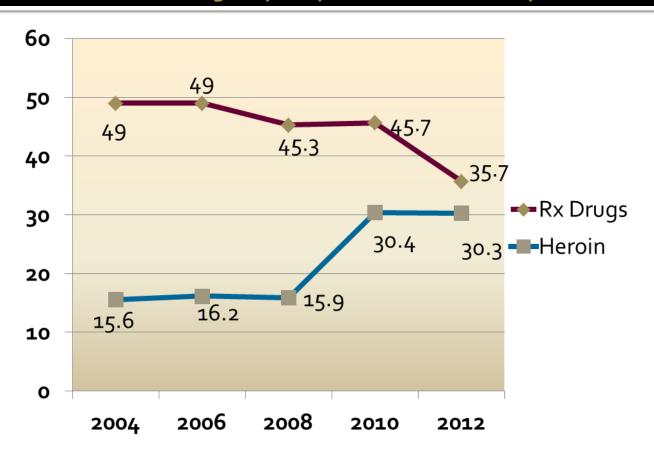
Conclusion: In 2010 the data showed that our youth were beginning to use substances at an earlier age, reversing a positive trend that had been seen in previous years. The 2012 results show that age of onset is once again increasing for every substance. This is good news! The older youth are at age of first use, the less likely they are to have problems with substance use/abuse later in life.

## Access Very Easy and Somewhat Easy

%	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Alcohol 12th	85	84.2	84.2	83.3	79.1
Tobacco 12th	85.5	84.7	75.3	84.3	79.6
Marijuana 12th	69	67.3	66.2	73.1	68.1
Rx 12th	49	49	45.3	45.7	35.7
Rx 10th	48	46.5	46.9	38.2	32.9
Heroin 12th	15.6	16.2	15.9	30.4	30.3
Heroin 10th	15.7	13.2	13.7	22.3	25.4
Synthetics 12 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	29.4
Synthetics 10th	X	X	X	X	30.7

#### **Ease of Access Trend**

Prescription Drugs (Rx) and Heroin % of Seniors indicating very easy and somewhat easy access



# Illegal Prescription Drug Use Seniors and Sophomores

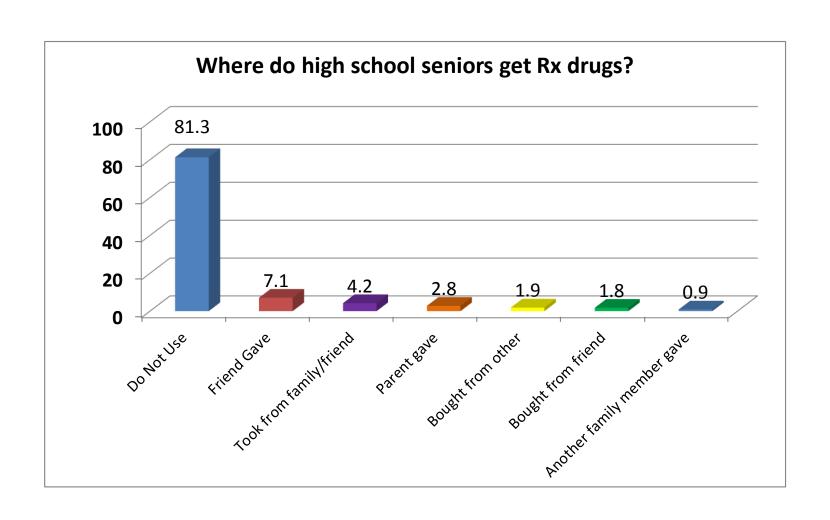
#### **Used In Past Thirty Days**

%	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Seniors – 12th	9.3	8	7.2	5.7	2.4
Nation –12 <sup>th</sup> *	X	8.1	7.2	6.9	X
Sophomores – 10 <sup>th</sup> **	8.2	6.9	7.2	4.6	1.8

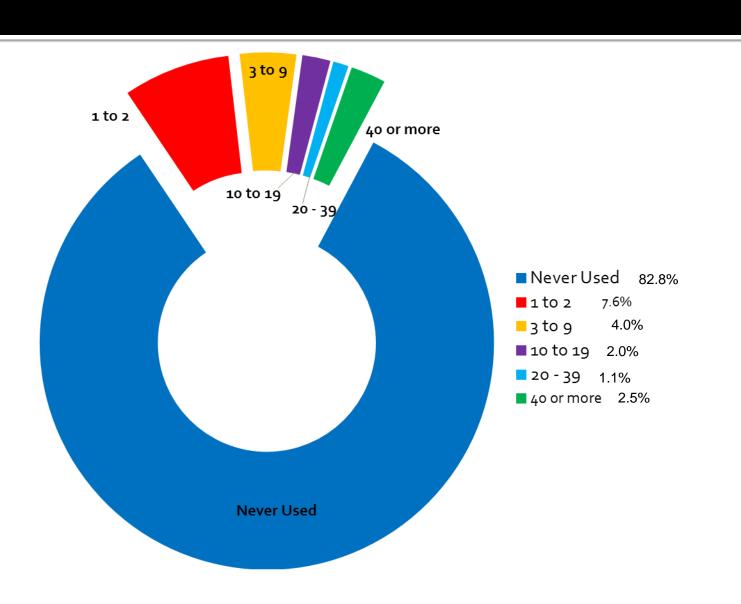
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<sup>\*\*10</sup>th grade data not available for Rx drugs in any year.

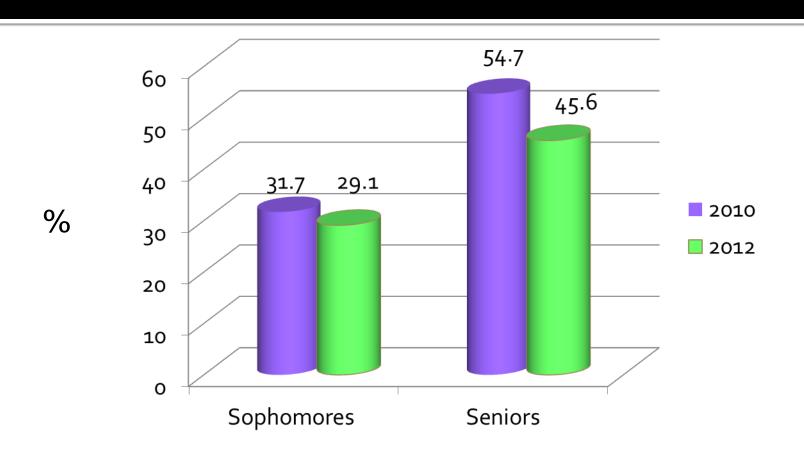
# Where are students getting Prescription (Rx) Drugs?



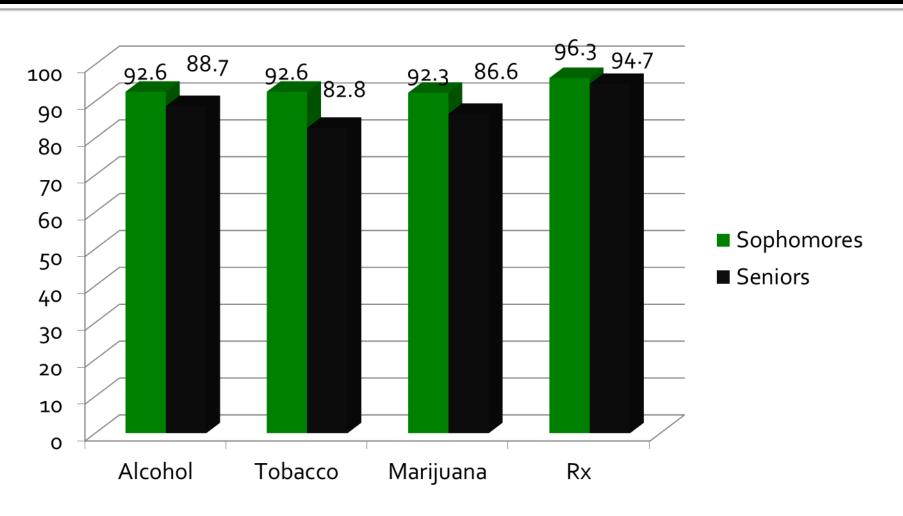
## Illegal Use of Rx Drugs - Lifetime # of times used - Seniors 2012



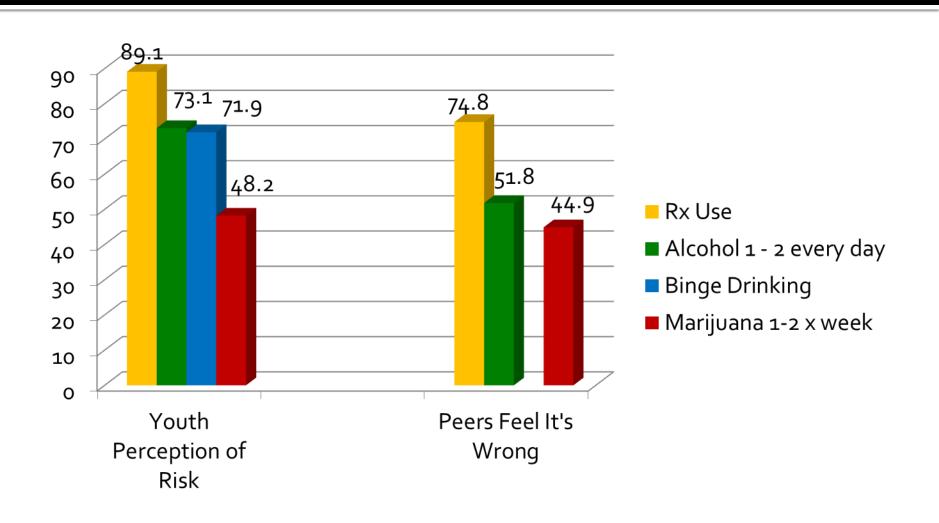
#### **Attended Party Where Parents Allow Alcohol**



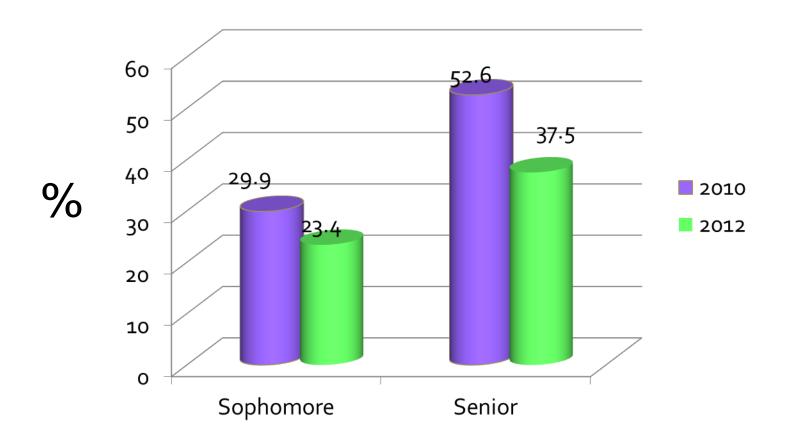
# Perception of Parental Disapproval Wrong/Very Wrong



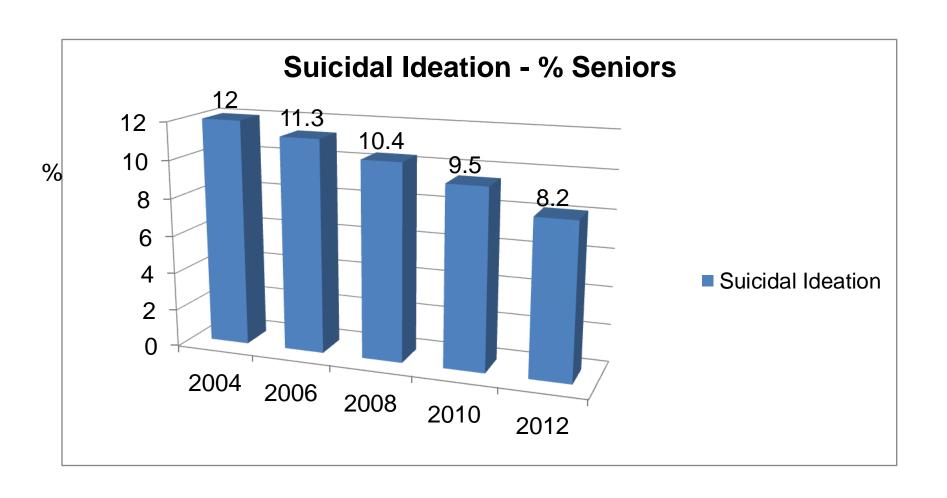
### Perception of Harm and Peer Disapproval Seniors 2012



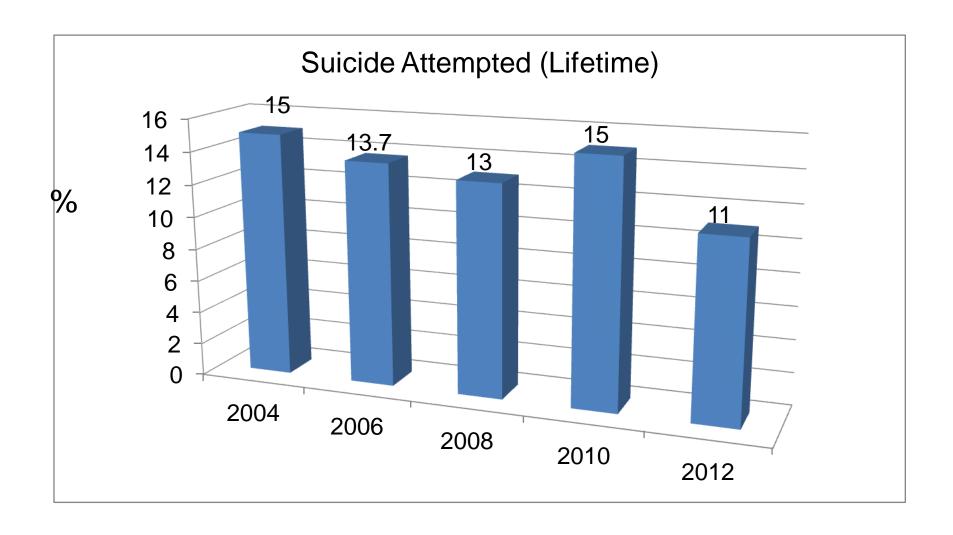
# Binge Drinking Of those who report drinking alcohol... % who had 5 or more within a few hours



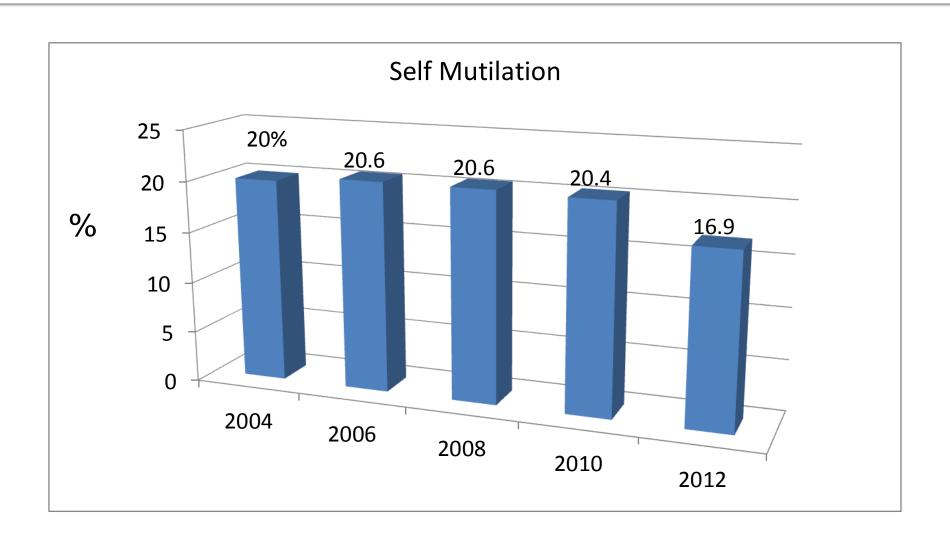
### Suicidal Thoughts Past Month



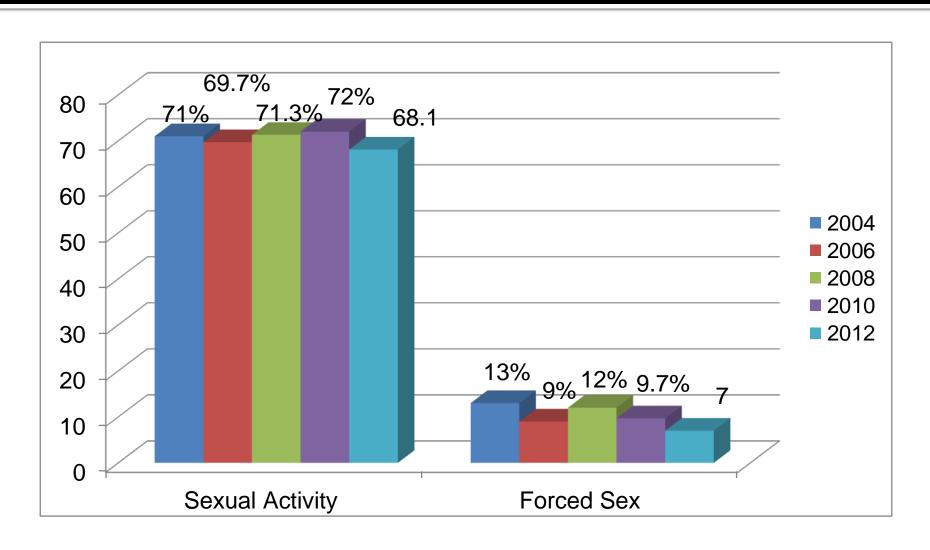
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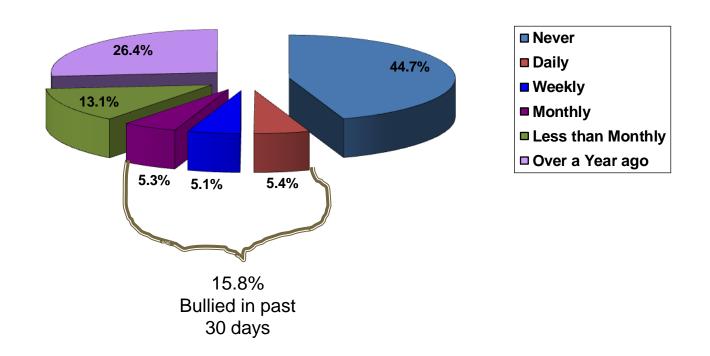
# Self Mutilation – Lifetime % Seniors



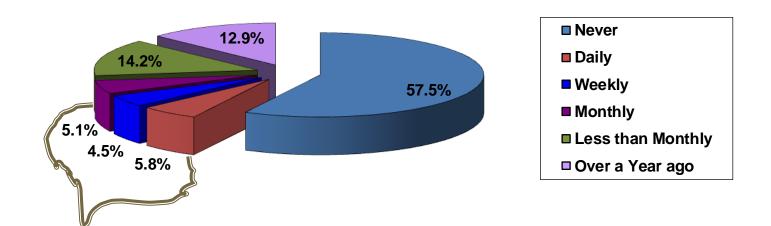
# Sexual Activity % of Seniors



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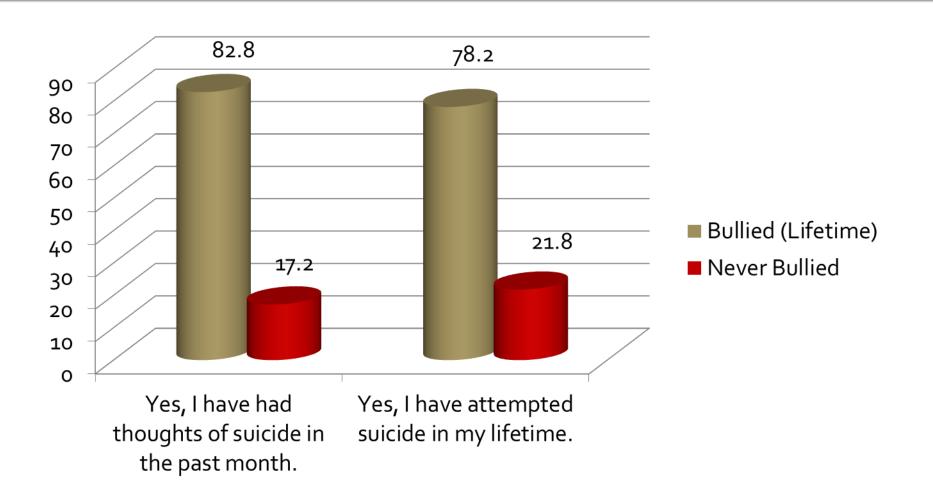


## Have You Bullied or Teased Others?



15.4% have bullied in the last 30 days

# Bullying and Suicide Seniors



#### **Protective Factors**

#### Clear Boundaries & Expectations

- Parents & Schools: set rules, enforce rules, punish for breaking rules (Always/Often)
  - In 2012, 80.5% of students reported that their parents set clear rules and 77% report that their parents punish them for breaking these rules. This was slightly higher than 2010 results.

#### **Protective Factors**

#### Positive Youth Development

 Participating in positive activities: faith, school sports, community activities

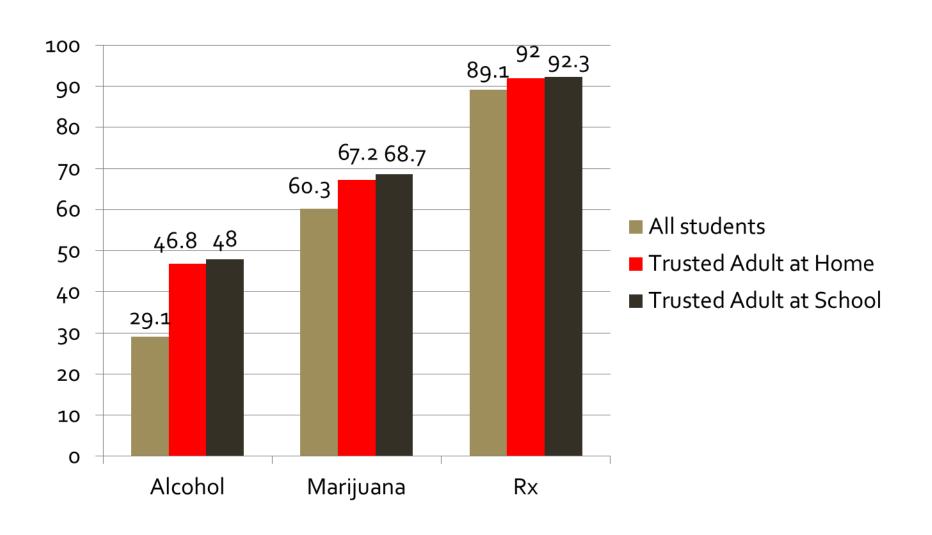
#### Academic Achievement

Good grades and school attendance

#### Trusted Adult

- at Home or School
  - In 2012, Seniors reported that 87.8% had a trusted adult at home and 72.1% had a trusted adult at school.

## Impact of Trusted Adult on Substance Use - % of Seniors who have never used...



# Parents Always and Often

%	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Parents Involved in School	59	64	60.7	59	63.7
Parents Set Clear Rules	78	81.7	76.7	79.1	80.5
Parents Enforce Rules	75	76	76.6	74.2	77

% Seniors 2012

# Protective Factors Parents

#### 2012 Seniors - % Who have never used

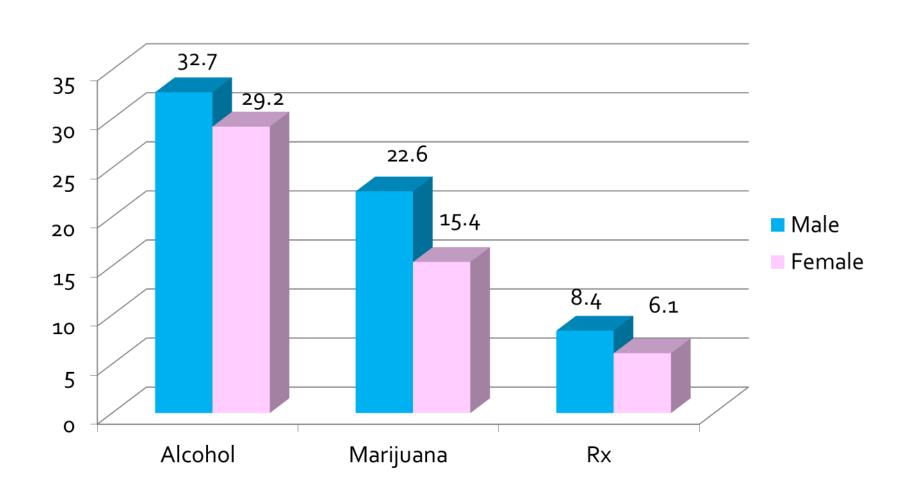
2012	% of total students surveyed	Parents set clear rules	Parents enforce rules	Parents talk about harmful effects	Parents are involved at school
Alcohol	29.1	47.1	47.0	48.3	45.6
Marijuana	60.3	68.7	68.6	69.3	70.9
Rx Drugs	89.1	92.2	92.7	92.3	93.3

## Protective Factors School and Community Activities

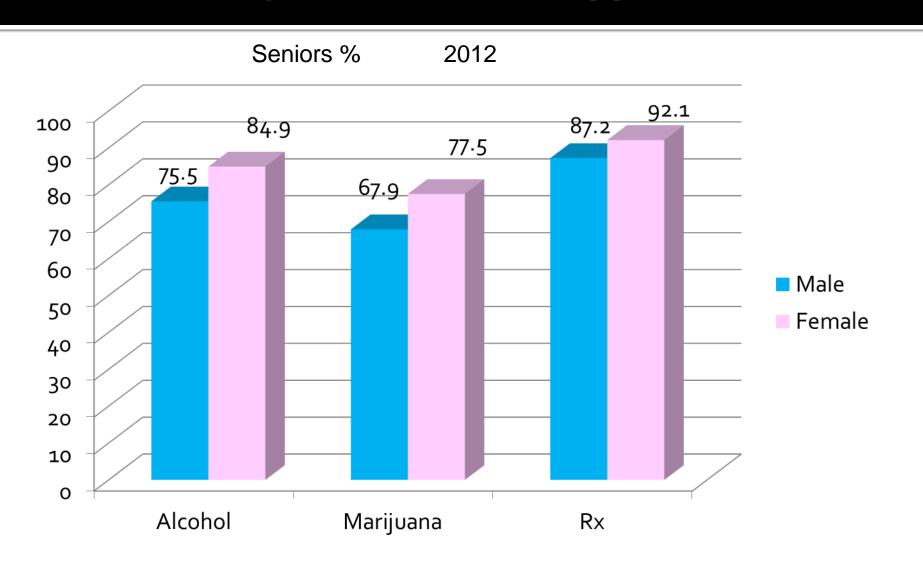
#### 2012 Seniors - % who have never used

2010	% of total students surveyed	Involved in community activities	Involved in school activities	involved in school sports
Alcohol	29.1	50.5	48.1	46.7
Marijuana	60.3	76.4	72.4	69.2
Rx Drugs	89.1	94.9	94.5	95.0

## Gender: 30 Day Use Pattern of 2012 Seniors who report using



## Does Gender Matter? Perception of Peer Disapproval



## Marijuana Use, Assets and Gender Seniors who have never used...

Assets	Male	Female	% of all students who have never used
School Activities	65.9	78.8	60.3
School Sports	64	76.3	60.3
Parents Set Rules	62.9	74.9	60.3
Discuss effects of drugs & alcohol	64.5	75.2	60.3
Involved in education	64.1	78	60.3

### Key Points: Marijuana

- The perception of risk and peer attitude toward marijuana is concerning.
- Marijuana is seen as a low risk substance
- Youth perceive it is riskier to drink alcohol and take prescription drugs than to smoke pot.
- Thirty day use of marijuana is higher than thirty day use of tobacco.

### **Key Points: Gender**

- Boys report use of all substances at a higher rate than girls
- Girls perceive that their peers disapprove of use more than boys.
- Assets and protective factors seem to have more of an impact on girls than on boys in reducing use rates.

### Key Points: Synthetics (Bath Salts, K2, Spice)

- Emerging issue
- 2012 Seniors report a higher lifetime use of synthetics than Rx drugs
- Access is comparable to Rx drugs and Heroin
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade age of onset (14.48)

### **Key Points: Prescription Drugs**

- Rx drugs and Heroin use is down
- In 2004/2005 Fairfield County Rx drug 30 day use was at or above national averages.
  - Over last eight years slow, but steady reduction in Rx use resulting in our 2012 thirty day rate which is now lower than the national average
- Impact on young adult use
- Fairfield County is recognized as a leader in taking action against prescription drugs. All of our efforts are bearing fruit.

### **Key Points: Getting Better**

- Age of onset for all substances is increasing
- Frequent use of all substances has decreased
- Ease of access is down for all substances, except heroin (which showed an increase for 10<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Parent parties are down
- Binge drinking is down.

Can't take our eyes off the goal, which is reduction of all substances.

### What's Working in Fairfield County?

#### Increasing awareness and readiness

- Media -website, facebook
- Tools for parents parent education classes, Parents Who Host campaign
- Town Hall Meetings

#### Providing education and support

- Training Adolescence and the Brain, Teen Culture, Stages of Change, Teens & Prescription Drugs, Medical Marijuana
- Local coalition development
- Teen Screen
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention in our schools

#### Encourage best practices and advocate for policy change

 Responsible Beverage Server Training, social host laws, outdoor festival policies, compliance checks

#### Families

- Family Movie Night
- Setting and enforcing rules and talking to your kids makes a difference
- Youth activities
- Neighborhood Watch

### Community

- Preventing teen drug and alcohol use takes a full community effort.
- Substance abuse has many interrelated causes, and no single program or agency can address them all.
- Due to the nature of this work, the effort must be consistently sustained for results to accrue over time.
- Prevention works protective factors are increasingly more effective, again causing use rates to go down.
- Collaboration works Shifts in community attitudes continue to drive drug use rates down.

### Thank you to our school partners!

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