



MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION

OUR MISSION

To improve the quality of lives in our community by preventing the harmful consequences of substance use and abuse among youth, families, and the larger community.

WHY WE EXIST:

Established in 2011, the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention (MCSAP) Coalition is a countywide initiative with a vision of bringing together resources, wisdom, talents and passion to create a happy and healthy community. MCSAP addresses policies, practices and programs in our two priority areas: marijuana use amongst youth, and death by drug overdose.

OUR PARTNERS:

MCSAP includes representatives from:

- » Youth Organizations
- » Faith-based Organizations
- » Government
- » Media
- » Schools
- » Legal/Justic Systems
- » Civic Organizations
- » Health Services
- » Businesses
- » Nonprofit
- » Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Organizations and Community Members

DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ According to the YRBS, the percentage of high school students who used marijuana at least once in the last 30 days in Milwaukee County was **47% higher than the rest of the state of Wisconsin** and **37% higher than the rest of the Nation**.¹
- ▶ Enough prescription painkillers were prescribed in 2010 to medicate every American adult around-the-clock for a month.²
- ▶ Marijuana users are **2x** as likely to be in a **motor vehicle accident** and they have **lower levels of educational and employment achievement and lower life satisfaction**.³⁻⁴
- ▶ The prevalence of drug-related deaths in Milwaukee County continues to be nearly twice that of the rest of the state of Wisconsin.⁵
- ▶ Estimates of the total **overall costs of substance abuse** in the United States, including productivity and health-and crime-related costs, **exceed \$600 billion** annually.⁶

1. 10/4/2013, (<http://www.wellnessandpreventionoffice.org/YRBS.html>)
2. 10/4/2013 (<http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/PainkillerOverdoses/index.html>)
3. Asberg, Hayden, Cartwright, 2012
4. Hall, Degenhardt, 2009
5. Drug Abuse Warning Network
6. Retrieved 10/4/2013 (<http://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics>)