

EPI Storyboard: Louisiana

Focus: 2016 Caring Communities Youth Survey (CCYS)



The mission of the Louisiana Department of Health is to protect and promote health and to ensure access to medical, preventive and rehabilitative services for all citizens of the State of Louisiana.

The special focus of the storyboard is the Louisiana Caring Communities Youth Survey (CCYS). A Local Governing Entity (LGE), is responsible for coordinating the administration of the survey. An LGE Preventionist is the school's contact for all questions and concerns about the CCYS.

10 reasons schools should participate in the CCYS is because survey data:

- Provides baseline data for grants and funding opportunities
- Provides information on Alcohol and other Drug risk factors that prevent youth from graduating and reaching their full potential
- Provides school resource officers with school safety and climate information.
- Provides local school boards with information that can have positive impacts on academic success
- Provides schools with data to complete a needs assessment on various indicators that can be used to justify funding to benefit students
- Provides data on substance abuse indicators and trends that schools can use when planning annual substance abuse prevention education
- Provides information to community coalitions and other behavioral health professionals on areas of high need that require resources to reduce high risk behaviors
- Provides data needed to evaluation of evidence base practices
- The results of the survey are not just about substance behaviors, but also about how our children experience aspects of life in the environments in which they live including school family and community
- #1 Reason... the information provides a narrative of our children's experiences, their strengths and problems. They are our children and we want them to know we care

Shared Risk and Protective Factors are the Key!

Risk factors for substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, drop out, and violence outcomes:

- X **Community laws, availability, norms toward alcohol use**
- X **Transition and Mobility**
- X **Low neighborhood attachment**
- X **Community disorganization**
- X **Family history of problem behavior**
- X **Antisocial behavior**
- X **Friends who use drugs**

Protective factors can reduce the risk for these outcomes:

- ✓ **Opportunities for young people to contribute**
- ✓ **Skills to be able to successfully contribute**
- ✓ **Consistent recognition and reinforcement of efforts and accomplishments**

What can you do to increase response rates in your schools?

- Talk to school personnel about the importance of this survey
- Inform schools of how to access the CCYS reports
- Share your school's data with community partners and leaders

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What is CCYS?

The Louisiana Caring Communities Youth Survey (CCYS) is a voluntary survey designed to assess students' involvement in a specific set of problem behaviors, as well as their exposure to a set of scientifically validated risk and protective factors. These risk and protective factors have been shown to predict the likelihood of academic success, school dropout, substance abuse, violence, and delinquency among youth.

Note: Eligible schools are those that have grade level(s) required for participation. These schools include public, private, and parochial schools.

- The survey is administered every two years to Louisiana students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 and takes approximately 30 minutes.
- The survey is anonymous and entirely voluntary for the school and student.
- Students never identify themselves on the survey and can skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Parents are sent information about the survey and can opt out of the survey.

Survey Results: Louisiana

Schools Participating in the CCYS in 2016

# Schools Participating	# Schools Eligible	% Schools Participating
488	856	57%

SAMSHA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)



Prevention professionals use SAMSHA's SPF as a comprehensive guide to plan, implement, and evaluate prevention problems.

2016 CCYS Indicator Highlights

- 21.2% of 12th grade survey respondents reported engaging in "binge drinking"
- 26.8% of 10th grade survey respondents reported using alcohol in the past 30 days
- 16.1% of 8th grade survey respondents reported attacking someone with the idea of seriously hurting them
- 53% of 12th grade survey respondents reported obtaining alcohol from home with their parents' permission
- 33.9% of 10th grade survey respondents reported using a form of e-cigarette in their lifetime
- 12.5% of 10th grade survey respondents reported considering or having attempted suicide in the past 12 months
- 36.8% of 6th grade survey respondents reported being "greatly" impacted by someone's suicide
- 26.1% of 10th grade survey respondents reported riding in a car, in the past 30 days, with a driver who had been drinking
- 16.4% of 6th grade survey respondents reported being suspended from school in the past
- 43.2% of 8th grade survey respondents reported gambling in the past year
- 23.1% of 6th grade survey respondents reported being bullied on school property in the past year