

Logic Model 2014-15

Underage Drinking

Data: 30-day-use for 9th grade leaps from 13.0% to 33.8% among 10th graders (Merrimack YRBS* 2013, P#43, n603)

Of 9th and 10th graders who had a drink of alcohol in the past 30 days, 38.9% obtained it by having someone give it to them. (YRBS 2013, P#46, n603)

Root Cause

Environmental stress in Merrimack interferes with youth connectedness

Data: 26.8% of 9th to 12th graders report having been bullied on school property in past 12 months. (YRBS 2013, P24, n1163)

Data: 31.4% of 9th to 12th grade students felt so sad or hopeless over the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities. (YRBS 2013, P27, n1163)

There is a lack of communication and role modeling among all ages

Data: 72.3% of 9th to 12th graders agree or strongly agree that their parents have clear rules and standards for their behavior. (YRBS 2013, P78, n1163)

Data: 20.0% of students rode in a vehicle in the past 30 days driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol. (YRBS 2013, P14, n1163)

Local Conditions

Youth in Merrimack are self-medicating with alcohol and other drugs

Data: 22.2% of 9th graders seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months. (YRBS 2013, P28, n294)

Data: 3.2% of 11th and 12th graders attempted suicide that required treatment by a doctor or nurse within the past 12 months. (YRBS 2013, P30, n560)

Increase parental awareness of risks and communication skills

Data: 47.3% of 9th to 12th graders talked with a parent about dangers of alcohol or drug use during the past 12 months. (YRBS 2013, P79, n1163)

Data: 52% of 7th and 8th grade Parents disagree or strongly disagree that alcohol is widely abused by youth under 18 in our community. (2014 Parent Survey, Q4g, n53)

Youth in Merrimack are taking unsafe risks

Data: 24.8% of students who had sex used alcohol or other drugs before the last time. (YRBS 2013, P62, n1163)

Data: 37.2% of 9th to 12th graders agree or strongly agree that they feel like they matter to people in their community. (YRBS 2013, P82, n1163)

Peers lack tools to support each other

Data: 52.2% of 9th to 12th graders think their friends feel it's wrong or very wrong if the student has one or two alcoholic drinks nearly every day. (YRBS 2013, P88, n1163)

Data: 10.5% of 12th graders approve or strongly approve of someone their age having one to two drinks nearly every day. (YRBS 2013, P95, n1163)

*YRBS is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey administered every other year by the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention and NH Department of Education.

Prescription Drug Abuse

Data: 26.1% of 11th and 12th graders used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription in their life. (YRBS 2013, P56, n560).

61% of 9th to 12th grade students think people are at great risk of harming themselves if they take a prescription drug without a prescription. (YRBS 2013, P86, n1163)

Root Cause

Prescriptions are readily available

Data: 23.7% of 9th to 12th graders were offered, sold or given illegal drug on school property during past 12 months. (YRBS 2013, P58, n1163)

Data: 21.1% of 9th to 12th graders think it would be easy to get prescription drugs without a prescription if they wanted to. (YRBS 2013, P100, n1163)

Lack of clear info and expectations about the danger of using prescription drugs

Data: 79.8% of 7th and 8th grade Parents indicated they are concerned about the use of drugs in our community. (2014 Parent Survey, Q4e, n114)

Data: 44.4% of 7th and 8th grade Parents indicated that they think prescription drugs are widely abused by youth under 18 in our community. (2014 Parent Survey, Q4j, n99)

Local Conditions

Environmental stress results in easy access to prescriptions

Data: 11.3% of 7th and 8th grade parents lock their prescription drugs in a safe place. (2014 Parent Survey, Q14, n126)

Data: Since partnering with the DEA for Take Back events in 2010, Merrimack Police Department has collected 1156 pounds of unneeded prescription meds. (Merrimack Police 12/2013)

There is a communication disconnect between parents and youth

Data: 96.6% of 7th and 8th Parents indicate that they have clear rules about drug use. (2014 Parent Survey, Q9), n116)

Data: 39.12% of 7th and 8th grade students reported talking with at least one parent about drug use during the past 12 months. (2013 Adapted Youth and Young Adult Survey, n570)

Teens don't realize the danger of using prescription meds as a "quick fix"

Data: 73.3% of 9th to 12th grade students think their friends feel it is wrong or very wrong for the student to take a prescription drug without a prescription. (YRBS 2013, P90, n1163)

Data: 14.5% of 11th and 12th grade students used prescription drugs without a prescription in the past 30 days. (YRBS 2013, P57, n560)

Parent communication around drug use relaxes as youth grow older

Data: 1.9% of 7th and 8th grade students reported using prescription drugs without a prescription. (2013 Adapted Youth and Young Adult Survey, Q1f, n570)

Data: 3.7% of 9th graders and 8.1% of 10th used prescription drugs in the past 30 days without a prescription, rising to 16.4% by 12th grade. (YRBS 2013, P57, n294 & 309, 275)