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Regional Alliance for
Substance Abuse Prevention

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Facts About Youth & Drug Abuse

*According to the National
Institute on Drug Abuse*

- 12 to 17 year olds who use tobacco are 14 times more likely to abuse alcohol, 100 times more likely to try marijuana, and 32 times more likely to use cocaine.
- Employed drug abusers cost their employers about twice as much in medical and worker compensation claims as their drug-free coworkers.
- About half of U.S. teenagers try marijuana before finishing high school.



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*A community
coalition to
prevent and reduce
substance abuse
among youth*



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Mission

The Regional Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention will **empower and assist** citizens in their efforts to improve our community; **enhance and support** substance abuse prevention programs; and **gather, interpret and share** information between members and the community about alcohol and other drugs.

Who We Are

We are a group of concerned citizens, parents, students, teachers, law enforcement officers, business representatives, other professionals and concerned individuals who are striving to keep our community free of abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Get Involved

RASAP meets monthly. If you want to help prevent youth substance abuse in our community, please join our coalition.

Youth Substance Abuse Effects On Our Community

Healthcare

The large numbers of youth involved with alcohol and other drugs face an increased risk of death through suicide, homicide, accident, and illness.

Education

Declining grades, absenteeism from school and other activities, and increased potential for dropping out of school are problems associated with adolescent substance abuse.

Family

Substance abuse can drain a family's financial and emotional resources, leaving both siblings and parents profoundly affected by alcohol- and drug-involved youth.

Economic

The result from the financial losses and distress suffered by alcohol- and drug-related crime victims include: increased burdens for the support of adolescents and young adults who are not able to become self-supporting, and greater demands for medical and other treatment services for youth.

You Are Invited to Join

If you wish to join the Regional Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (RASAP) or desire more information, please complete this form and return to:

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Name

Organization

Address

Telephone Number

Types of Membership

- \$10/year Individual
- \$15/year Family
- \$25/year Organization or Agency
- \$50/year Community Donor
- \$100/year Sustaining Organization

