

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

TO KEEP TEENS DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE



OUR MISSION

Community—The Anti-Drug (CTAD) Coalition strives to build and sustain a safe and drug-free community in which our youth feel protected, confident and empowered to make healthy choices. Our mission is to reduce the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs among youth in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood and Riverwoods, Illinois.

We bring together input and contributions from all sectors of the community—schools, parents, youth, government, healthcare, faith, law enforcement, youth-serving organizations and more—to transform the environment around our youth so that the drugfree choice is the easy choice.

OUR STRATEGIES

To reduce youth substance use, CTAD leverages the knowledge, skills, and resources of our diverse community representatives to:

- Provide information and resources
- ► Enhance drug prevention skills of teachers, coaches, parents and student leaders
- Advocate for and support proven drug prevention programs
- ▶ **Change** consequences of drug use
- ▶ Increase incentives for drug-free choices
- Modify and enforce policies regarding alcohol and drug use among youth in the schools and community

DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE YOUTH

AT DEERFIELD & HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOLS



While most of our students are making healthy choices, fewer students in our communities make healthy choices compared to their peers in suburban Chicago.





Source: 2018 Illinois Youth Survey, Percent of 2,793 DHS & HPHS students in 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade compared to percent of 4,166 suburban Chicago students in 10th & 12th grade who responded they did not use alcohol or marijuana in the previous 30 days.

THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is that the majority of students in our communities make the healthy choice to avoid drugs and alcohol. According to the Illinois Youth Survey conducted in March 2018:

- ▶ 68% of DHS & HPHS students choose not to drink alcohol
- ▶ 3 out of 4 (76%) report not using marijuana in the past month
- Illicit drug use is very low only slightly higher than the average of nine suburban, neighboring counties

CTAD CONCERNS

CTAD is concerned about the health, well-being, and bright future of each and every young person. We are concerned about those who are choosing to use and about the data trends.

- Alcohol and marijuana are the most commonly used drugs
- Similar to trends across the country, both vaping and marijuana use increased between 2016 and 2018
- ▶ Students' perception of their parents disapproving of drug use decreased between 2016 and 2018 ▲ ▲

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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