



# 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.**<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Enough prescription painkillers were prescribed in 2010 to medicate every American adult around-the-clock for a month.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Marijuana users are **twice** as likely to be in a **motor vehicle accident**. They also have **lower levels** of **educational** and **employment achievement** and **lower life satisfaction.**<sup>3-4</sup>
- ▶ The prevalence of drug-related deaths in Milwaukee County continues to be nearly twice that of the rest of the state of Wisconsin.<sup>5</sup>
- ▶ 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.<sup>6</sup>

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>)

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