

EPI Storyboard: Natchitoches Parish

Focus: 2020 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

This is not just about substance abuse, but how our children experience life in our state.



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: Natchitoches Parish

Schools Participating in the CCYS in 2022

# Schools Participating	# Schools Eligible	% Schools Participating
7	11	64%

SAMSHA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)



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

2022 CCYS Indicator Highlights

- 27.7% of 8th grade survey respondents do not feel safe at school.
- 9.6% of 8th grade survey respondents have attempted suicide in the past 12 months.
- 23.2% of 8th grade survey respondents hurt themselves without wanting to die (cutting, burning yourself on purpose) in the past year.
- 60.6% of 10th grade survey respondents got alcohol from someone they know over 21 in the past year.
- 22% of 6th grade survey respondents have been picked on or bullied by a student on school property in the past 12 months.
- 11.4% of 12th grade survey respondents drove a car when they were drinking alcohol during the past 30 days.
- 20.8% of 8th grade survey respondents rode in a car driven by someone drinking alcohol during the past 30 days.