

Vermont Community Resources and Readiness Survey

Directions: Please click on the response that best reflects your belief or perception regarding various substance abuse issues and the initiatives/activities designed to prevent them in the community on which you are reporting. Items for which you would not want your answer known to others, or that you are uncomfortable answering, may be left blank. Please click the “don’t know” response on items for which you have no opinion or have insufficient information to answer. This response option always appears with a shaded background.

Respondent Demographics

1	Age: <input type="radio"/> 12-17 <input type="radio"/> 18-25 <input type="radio"/> 26-35 <input type="radio"/> 36-45 <input type="radio"/> 46-55 <input type="radio"/> 56 to 65 <input type="radio"/> 66 and older
2	Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
3	Please identify the group(s) you represent for the purpose of this survey (check ALL that apply): <input type="radio"/> Government <input type="radio"/> Faith-Based Organization <input type="radio"/> Law Enforcement <input type="radio"/> Substance Abuse Prevention Agency <input type="radio"/> Youth Serving Organization <input type="radio"/> Substance Abuse Treatment Agency <input type="radio"/> Coalition that addresses alcohol and drug abuse issues <input type="radio"/> Mental Health Service <input type="radio"/> Social/Human Service Agency <input type="radio"/> Youth <input type="radio"/> School <input type="radio"/> Parent <input type="radio"/> School Board <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> Public Health
4	Are you a resident of the community on which you are reporting? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Community Awareness

The next set of questions asks about your opinion concerning community members' attitudes regarding substance use and substance abuse prevention. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

1=Strongly Agree 2=Somewhat Agree 3=Somewhat Disagree 4=Strongly Disagree 9=Don't Know

5	I think that <u>most</u> residents in this community. . .					
		1	2	3	4	9
	a. Believe that underage drinking in this community is a serious problem that deserves attention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	b. Believe that drinking and driving among youth and young adults in this community is a serious problem that deserves attention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	c. Believe that excessive drinking among young adults (of legal age) in this community is a serious problem that deserves attention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	d. Believe that marijuana use among youth and young adults in this community is a serious problem that deserves attention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	e. Know about community programs that are working to prevent alcohol and drug abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	f. Would support town ordinances that discourage underage drinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	g. Feel alcohol and other drug prevention strategies for youth are a good investment for the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	h. Feel alcohol and other drug prevention strategies for adults are a good investment for the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	i. Believe that prevention strategies for youth can be effective at preventing substance abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	j. Believe that prevention strategies for adults can be effective at preventing substance abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	k. Are willing to support substance abuse prevention programs with town/city tax dollars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	l. Believe the use of alcohol and other drugs is a private matter that should be dealt with at home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	m. Believe that occasional use of marijuana is not harmful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n. Believe enforcement of municipal liquor laws should be a priority (sales to minors, drunk driving arrests)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
o. Believe that drinking alcoholic beverages should not be permitted at public events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Substance Abuse Prevention Resources/Assets

6	Communities implement a variety of strategies to prevent alcohol and other drug use. Please indicate the degree to which you believe each of the following strategies is functioning effectively in this community. Check one answer for each strategy.					
	1=Does Not Exist 2=Ineffective 3=Somewhat Effective 4=Very Effective 9=Don't Know	1	2	3	4	9
	a. Coalition/task force or council that addresses substance abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	b. Community policing programs or services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	c. Enforcement of DWI policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	d. Policies that require alcohol server training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	e. Zoning laws that restrict where alcohol outlets can operate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	f. Drug-free school zones	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	g. Community or neighborhood watch programs (citizen surveillance programs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	h. Laws/ordinances that hold adults liable for providing alcohol or other substances to underage persons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	i. Alcohol service law compliance checks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	j. Motor vehicle driver sobriety check points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	k. Other policy and/or enforcement strategies (keg registration, police party patrols, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	l. Media advocacy (press releases/conferences and other media approaches to advocate for policy change)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	m. Social marketing (PSAs, poster campaigns, other health communications aimed at changing behaviors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	n. Programs that support families (housing, child care, counseling services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	o. Information distribution (brochures, fact sheets, videos or presentations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	p. Youth life/social skills training programs (assertiveness, communication, drug refusal, problem-solving)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	q. Parent education programs/parenting skills training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	r. Peer leader or peer helper programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	s. Mentoring programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	t. School-based substance abuse education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	u. Teen drop-in center/club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	v. Youth community action groups (SADD, youth councils, faith-based organizations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	w. Structured youth development activities (sports leagues, theater and arts programs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	x. Screening and brief intervention for substance problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	y. Employee support programs (EAP, work/life assistance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	z. Adolescent substance abuse treatment services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	aa. Adult substance abuse treatment services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	bb. Recovery support activities (AA and other 12 step groups, recovery centers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	cc. Other (specify) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Barriers

7	In your opinion, how much do each of the following issues limit or pose a barrier to alcohol and other drug prevention activities in this community?				
		1	2	3	9
	1=Not A Barrier 2=A Moderate Barrier 3=A Large Barrier 9=Don't Know				
	a. Lack of leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	b. Lack of coordination among organizations and groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	c. Too few community members with time or willingness to volunteer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	d. Lack of consensus on how to address substance abuse issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	e. Lack of political support for substance abuse prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	f. Underage drinking is not considered a priority problem in our community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	g. High risk drinking among persons under age 25 is not considered a priority problem in our community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	h. Marijuana use is not considered a priority problem in our community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	i. Lack of a strategic plan to address substance abuse prevention needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	j. Insufficient awareness of current efforts among community members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	k. Limited financial resources to address substance abuse in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	l. Lack of knowledge of effective strategies to address substance abuse problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	m. Lack of trained staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	n. Lack of programs with culturally competent staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	o. Perception that substance abuse is a personal problem, not a community problem	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	p. Previous attempts at addressing substance abuse problems in the community went poorly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	q. Belief that existing programs are sufficient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	r. Other (specify) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Planning

8	How would you rate the willingness and ability of organizations (in this community) that have an interest in reducing and preventing substance use to carry out the following activities?					
		1=None 2=Low 3=Medium 4=High 9=Don't Know				
		1	2	3	4	9
	a. Collect data on the nature of local substance abuse problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	b. Identify available resources for substance abuse prevention (personnel, financial, organizational)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	c. Secure support for prevention from local policy makers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	d. Utilize needs assessment data to plan prevention programs and policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	e. Develop culturally appropriate prevention programs and strategies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	f. Raise community awareness of substance abuse problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	g. Identify and implement new (but promising) prevention strategies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	h. Convene community meetings to address substance abuse issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	i. Collaborate with each other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	j. Collaborate with organizations concerned with preventing other types of problems (HIV, violence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	k. Allocate local funds to substance abuse prevention in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	l. Develop policies related to or specifically for substance abuse prevention in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. Identify the barriers to substance abuse prevention in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
n. Develop a strategic plan to address substance abuse in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Changes in Support for Prevention

9	Over the past several years, do you think that the level of support by residents of this community for efforts by state and local organizations to prevent and reduce the following behaviors has decreased, stayed about the same, or increased?				
		1=Decreased 2=Stayed About the Same 3=Increased 9= Don't Know			
		1	2	3	9
	a. Underage drinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	b. Heavy or binge drinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	c. Drinking and driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	d. Tobacco use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	e. Marijuana use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	f. Prescription drug abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	g. Other illicit drug use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Please provide any additional comments or concerns that you feel are important to understand substance abuse prevention needs in this community, the resources available to help address these needs, and the readiness of community residents to support these efforts.

THANK YOU!