

2016 FACTS

YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS – SUBSTANCE MISUSE
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

24% of students were offered,
sold or given an illegal drug
on school property



15% took
prescription drugs
without a doctor's prescription
compared to 14% in MD

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Young people who abuse substances may experience an array of problems, including academic difficulties, health-related problems (including mental illness), complications with peer and family relationships, and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Drug abuse can also impact the brain's ability to function in the short-term as well as prevent proper growth and development for later in life.

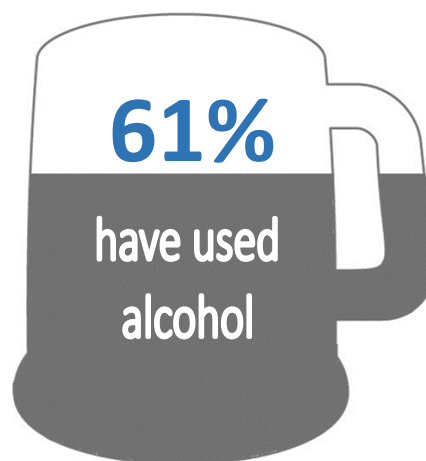
PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE EVER USED:

Methamphetamines	4.5%
Heroin	3.8%
Cocaine	7.2%
Ecstasy	5.8%

31% have tried marijuana
(7% before age 13)

18% are currently
using marijuana

9% Have tried synthetic marijuana
compared to 7% in Maryland



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