

**Pennsylvania Department of Health
BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS
PERFORMANCE BASED PREVENTION
RISK ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

Internal Use Only

County: _____

Respondent ID # from PBPS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Your response to this survey will assist our county drug and alcohol agency to set priorities for long-term goals to reduce the risk of substance use/abuse through prevention programs and services that build protective factors in communities, schools, families and with individuals and their peers.

The Survey: The Prevention Risk Assessment is a survey of researched risk factors and associated problems that significantly contribute to substance use/abuse. In this survey, risk factors are organized into four domains: Community, School, Individual/Peer and Family.

Instructions for Completing the Survey:

Using your specific knowledge of the substance abuse issues in your community, please evaluate the problems below.

Place an "X" on the line next to the response that comes closest to what you *feel or believe* is the SEVERITY OF THE IMPACT of the issue on substance use/abuse in your community.

Sample:

**AVAILABILITY OF FIREARMS
THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY**

- _____ (1) Major Problem
 (2) Somewhat of a Problem
 _____ (3) Neutral
 _____ (4) Not a Problem
 _____ (5) No Opinion

If you are uncertain, estimate your response in relationship to your perception of the issue and its impact on substance use/abuse in your community. It is essential that all questions be answered.

If you have any questions or concerns during the completion of the survey, please ask the administrator for clarification or assistance.

DATE: _____

In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE. If you are active in more than one of the listed categories, please check the ONE that most closely describes the category in which you are more likely to be representative of in this survey.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> School Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy | <input type="checkbox"/> School Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Coalition Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D&A Service Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services | |

RACE/ETHNICITY: (Please only check one)

- White
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- More than one race

GENDER

- Male
- Female

YOUR AGE: (Please Circle One Age Group)

(6 to 11) (12 to 14) (15 to 17) (18 to 20) (21 to 24) (25 to 44) (45 to 64) (65+)

CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR BOROUGH OF RESIDENCY:

ZIP CODE: _____

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COMMUNITY RISK FACTORS

1. **EXTREME ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION**
(Such as extreme poverty, lack of jobs, adequate healthcare, adequate housing, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
2. **TRANSITION AND MOBILITY**
(Such as frequent new school transitioning, families frequently moving, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
3. **LOW NEIGHBORHOOD ATTACHMENT AND COMMUNITY DISORGANIZATION**
(Such as lack of involvement in the community, low surveillance in public areas, lack of law enforcement, vandalism, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
4. **COMMUNITY LAWS AND NORMS FAVORABLE TOWARD ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OTHER DRUGS, FIREARMS, AND CRIME**
(Such as a lack of laws prohibiting ATOD use, community's perception of severity of problem, community denial, promoting use at community events - "beer gardens", etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
5. **AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUGS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**
(Such as easy accessibility to ATOD, underage drinking, open drug trafficking, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
6. **MEDIA PORTRAYALS OF VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY**
(Such as violent TV shows, news media focused on violence in the community, violent video games, magazine articles, internet sites, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion
7. **AVAILABILITY OF FIREARMS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY**
(Such as guns present within the home, weapons sold on the street, etc.)
- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

SCHOOL RISK FACTORS

8. **LACK OF CLEAR ENFORCED POLICIES ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING**

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

9. **AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUGS (ATOD) WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING**

(Such as students buying, selling and/or using ATODs on school grounds, college binge drinking, etc.)

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

10. **EARLY AND PERSISTENT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR**

(Common disregard for social rules, norms, and cultural codes, as well as impulsive behavior, and indifference to the rights and feelings of others)

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

11. **ACADEMIC FAILURE BEGINNING IN LATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

12. **LACK OF COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL**

(Such as tardiness, truancy, viewing school as a waste of time, etc.)

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

INDIVIDUAL/PEER RISK FACTORS

13. **EARLY INITIATION OF PROBLEM BEHAVIOR (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs)**

(Such as experimenting with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs before age 15)

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

14. **ALIENATION AND REBELLIOUSNESS**

(Such as feelings of being left out or not a part of society, not bound by rules, irresponsible, rebels against authority, etc.)

- _____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

15. **FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR (use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs) AMONG FRIENDS AND PEERS**
(Such as friends encouraging friends to use, "everyone is doing it," etc.)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

16. **PROBLEM BEHAVIORS**
(Such as sensation seeking, low harm avoidance, and/or lack of impulse control – either individually or among peers)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

17. **FRIENDS WHO ENGAGE IN THE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs)**
(Such as associating with peers/friends who engage in the problem behavior, etc.)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

FAMILY RISK FACTORS

18. **FAMILY HISTORY OF THE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR (CRIME, DRUGS, & ALCOHOL)**
(Such as a family history of addiction to alcohol and other drugs, criminal history within family, etc.)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

19. **FAMILY MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS**
(Such as poor family management skills, failure to monitor children, excessively severe or inconsistent punishment, etc.)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

20. **FAVORABLE PARENTAL ATTITUDES AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROBLEM BEHAVIOR WITHIN FAMILIES**
(Such as ignoring or denying usage by child, adults providing to minors, adults role-modeling use in home, etc.)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

21. **FAMILY CONFLICT**
(Such as domestic violence, disputes, and/or divorce)

_____ (1) Major Problem
_____ (2) Somewhat of a Problem
_____ (3) Neutral
_____ (4) Not a Problem
_____ (5) No Opinion

