**Mining the Indiana Survey for Grants**

**Indian Survey**

Survey to plan prevention activities and engage the community. All too often, the Indiana Survey results create a brief stir when they are released to the media, and then are filed away without any action. However, the statewide data offer a unique basis for getting perspective on the overall trends in ATOD among Indiana youth, and for making comparison’s with other states. Such comparisons can be especially useful when applying for grants. Being able to show how Indiana youth are faring in a national context is a powerful way to make your case for the need for new and/or continued funding.

The local data contained in the Indiana Survey reports to schools are very useful to prevention organizations as objective indicators of what’s working and for whom. Even the best programs don’t succeed with everyone, and it’s especially important to understand who benefits the most and least from selected strategies. Without objective survey data, prevention planning is just guesswork and good intentions. Thus, any organization that is seeking grants needs to mine the kind data available from IPRC’s Indiana Survey and Prev-Stat, a geographical information system.

**Indiana Survey Highlights**

- First use of drugs begins between age 12 and 14 years for Hoosier youth.
- Fewer Indiana youth are smoking, but more are chewing.
- Fewer youth trying alcohol, but more binge drink.
- Nearly 40% of Indiana’s 12th graders reported having had a hangover.
- Youth who are involved in after-school activities less inclined to start using gateway drugs (tobacco, alcohol and marijuana).
- One in five to nine through 12 grade youth reported being involved in an altercation under the influence.
- Close to 30 percent of Indiana 12th graders reported riding in a vehicle with a driver who had been drinking.

**Upcoming Event:** “Embrace the Spirit of Prevention Research” is the theme of the 19th Annual National Prevention Network Research Conference. Lexington, Kentucky will host the conference from August 27th through 30th. It’s not too late to register at http://swpc.ou.edu/npn/.

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