

"These Threads"



A Monthly Newsletter of the Environmental Substance Abuse Prevention Program (ESAP)

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The Corner Blog

Empowering You!

You see the statistics, you agree that something needs to change, but you just don't know where to start...

Start Here! Start with us! Prevention and Youth Services Drug Education Center is a leader in providing comprehensive, evidence based environmental prevention strategies!

Change can occur! It just takes someone to start. Whether you are interested in making small changes in your home and your neighborhood. Or, you would like to become an advocate for prevention on a larger community wide scale. We are here to help support your environmental substance abuse prevention efforts!

Words of wisdom...

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

-Mark Twain

Where to go for information...

Check out our website

www.yespreventionpays.org

Subscribe to "These Threads"...

On our website you can automatically subscribe to our newsletter! Keep informed about substance use and abuse issues.

Schedule Community Presentations...

FREE Community Presentations are available for you! Dates are filling fast for the Summer, please call (989) 755-0937 to schedule a presentation for your group or association today!

Great Links...

<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org>

<http://www.teens.drugabuse.gov>

<http://www.marininstitute.org>

<http://www.drugfreeamerica.org>



Website Launched!

<http://www.yespreventionpays.org>

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Did You Know?

Michigan students responded **yes** when asked:

Ever had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day. (during their life)

61.7% of 9th graders

66.0% of 10th graders

72.3% of 11th graders

77.1% of 12th graders

Ever used marijuana one or more times. (during their life)

23.4% of 9th graders

32.1% of 10th graders

45.4% of 11th graders

47.4% of 12th graders

Ever tried cigarette smoking. (even one or two puffs)

37.0% of 9th graders

44.4% of 10th graders

51.9% of 11th graders

52.4% of 12th graders

Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug by someone on school property. (during the 12 months before the survey)

26.3% of 9th graders

28.3% of 10th graders

31.2% of 11th graders

32.4% of 12th graders

Source: Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Michigan 2009 Results



Study Shows 111 Percent Increase in Emergency Department Visits Involving the Abuse of Prescription Opioid Pain Relievers

"We urgently need to take action."

- CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden

The three prescription opioid pain relievers most frequently involved in hospital emergency department visits from 2004-2008 were:

- Oxycodone products
ED visits involving nonmedical use rose 152% to 105,214.
- Hydrocodone products
ED visits involving nonmedical use rose 123% to 89,015.
- Metadone products
ED visits involving nonmedical use rose 73% to 63,629.

Source: CADCA June 23, 2010

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Inspiration

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."

-John Wooden

Who Cares?

"What you could buy for \$1.00 in 1950 would cost you \$8.93 in 2008. This is because over time inflation causes prices to rise. However, beer taxes are not linked to inflation. Instead, they remain constant until they are increased through policy action."

Source: Marininstitute.org

Fact

For the State of Michigan the current beer tax rate is \$0.11 per gallon. The year of the last increase was 1975. That equals out to be a 75% decrease in real value.

Source: Marininstitute.org

Fact

"Anheuser-Busch InBev SA, the world's largest brewer, made a profit of \$1.28 billion in the fourth quarter despite falling beer sales during the economic downturn. This was less than a third-quarter profit of \$1.55 billion but a massive increase on a year ago when the company made just \$29 million. Revenue for the three months ending Dec. 31 was \$9.29 billion, down from \$9.76 billion in the third quarter but up nearly 4 percent from \$8.96 billion for 2008's fourth quarter. For all of 2009, AB InBev made a profit of \$4.6 billion and had \$36.76 billion in revenues."

Source: The Associated Press March 4, 2010
www.businessweek.com

Alcohol Tax FAQ

Could fair alcohol taxes reduce underage drinking?

"Extremely low taxes allow products such as beer and alcopops to be sold remarkably cheap. This low price gives underage drinkers easy access to the products. In fact, a recent report issued by the Institute of Medicine specifically recommended raising taxes on alcohol as the most comprehensive and effective method of reducing underage drinking."

Source: Marininstitute.org

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