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Strategic Plan Report Card Update 2018

SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Reduce Substance Abuse and Support Mental Health

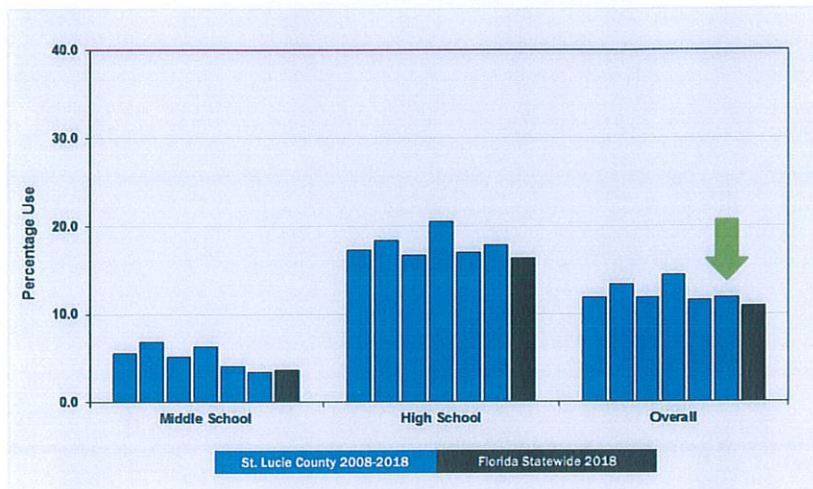
OBJECTIVE: Decrease youth marijuana use as measured by the percentage of youth reporting past 30-day marijuana use on the FYSAS from 14.4% in 2014 to 10% by 2020.



Update: Youth reporting past 30-day marijuana use has **decreased** to 11.9% in 2018.

Graph 12

Past-30-day marijuana use, St. Lucie County 2008-2018 and Florida Statewide 2018



Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Network Chair Report:	
Challenges:	
Successes:	
Revisions:	
Next Steps:	

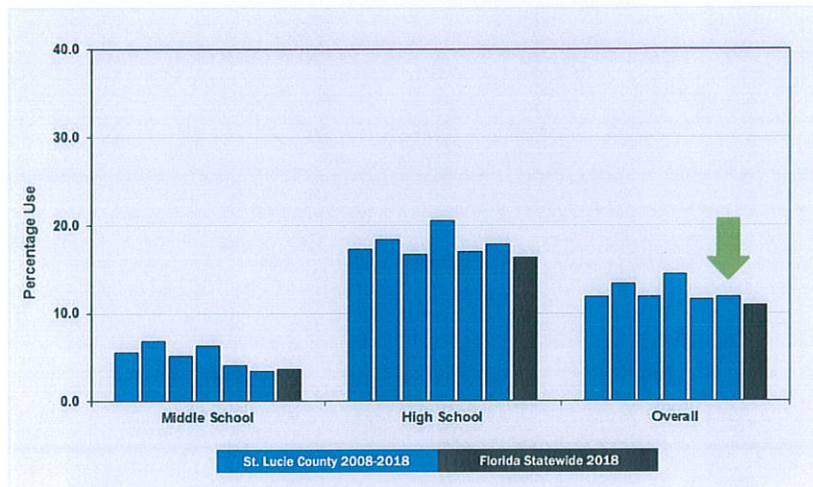
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Past-30-day marijuana use, St. Lucie County 2008-2018 and Florida Statewide 2018



Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

OBJECTIVE: Decrease early initiation of marijuana usage as measured by the percentage of youth reporting that they smoked marijuana before the age of 13 on the FYSAS from 15.6% in 2014 to 12.6% by 2020.



Update: Youth who reported smoking marijuana before the age of 13 **decreased** to 10.8% in 2018.

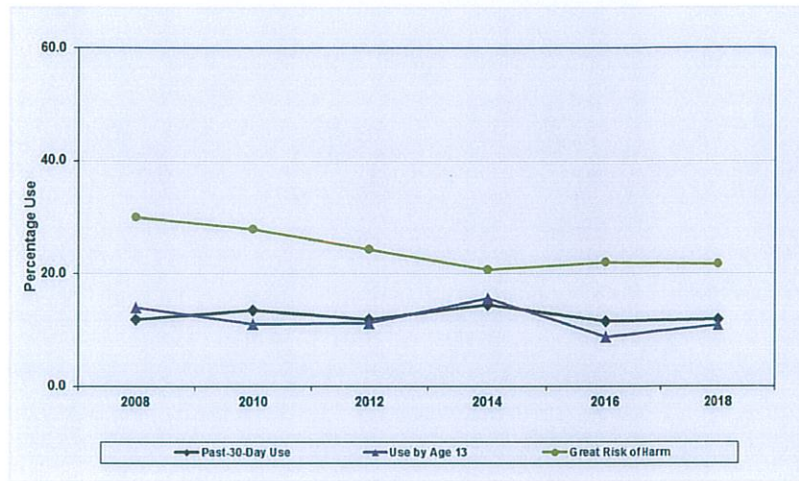
OBJECTIVE: Increase youth perceptions that marijuana is harmful as measured by the percentage of youth reporting a great risk of harm from "weekly use" of marijuana on the FYSAS from 29.5% in 2014 to 31.5% by 2020.



Update: Youth who reported a perception of great risk of harm from "weekly use" of marijuana **increased** to 31.1% in 2018. **Note:** The graph below shows "Great Risk of Harm" based on "try marijuana" data, not "weekly use".

Graph 13

Marijuana trends summary for St. Lucie County, 2008-2018



Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

OBJECTIVE: Increase youth perceptions that drinking is harmful as measured by the percentage of youth reporting a great risk of harm from alcohol use on the FYSAS from 39.7% in 2014 to 42.7% by 2020.



Update: Youth perceptions that drinking is harmful has **increased** to 47.7% in 2018.

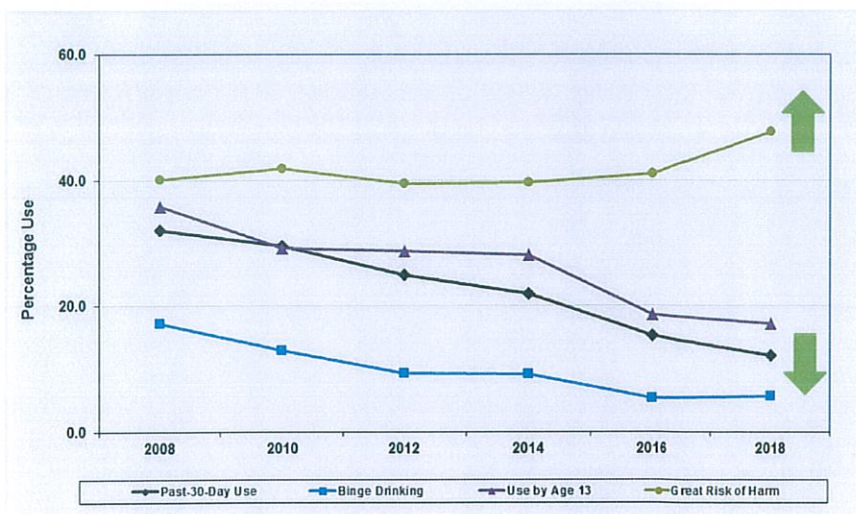
OBJECTIVE: Decrease underage drinking as measured by the percentage of youth reporting past 30-day alcohol use on the FYSAS from 22% in 2014 to 20% by 2020.



Update: Youth reporting past 30-day alcohol use has **decreased** to 12.2% in 2018.

Graph 6

Alcohol trends summary for St. Lucie County, 2008-2018



Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse

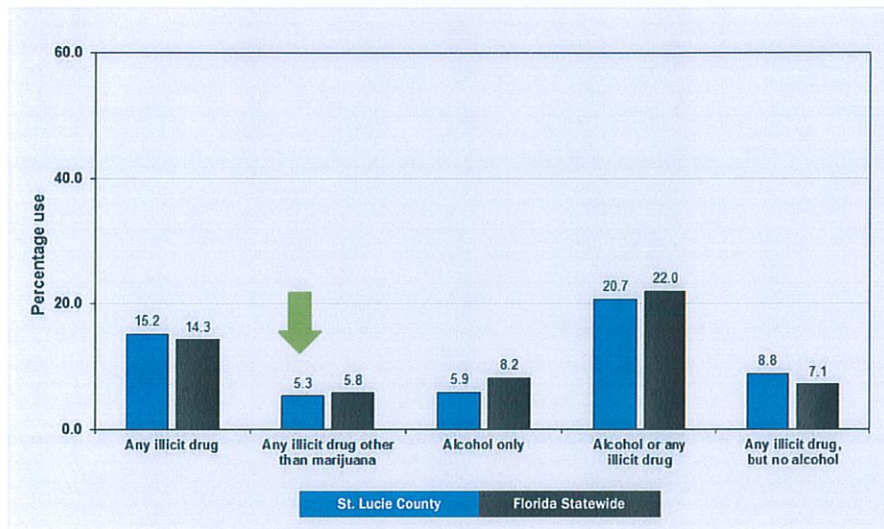
OBJECTIVE: Decrease youth drug use as measured by the percentage of youth reporting past 30 days use of illicit drugs other than marijuana on the FYSAS from 5.9% to 3.5% by 2020.



Update: Youth reporting past 30 days use of illicit drugs except marijuana **decreased** to 5.3% in 2018.

Graph 21

Past-30-day drug combination rates for St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide, 2018

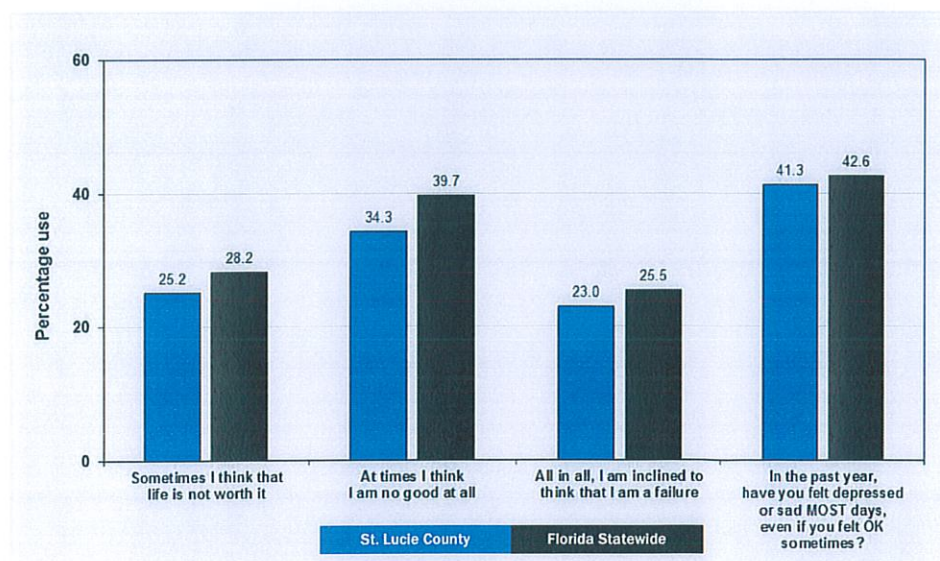


Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

OBJECTIVE: Establish a workgroup to collect data and identify a baseline for youth anxiety, depression and suicide rates in St. Lucie County by 2018.

Graph 25

Comparisons of symptoms of depression for St. Lucie County and Florida Statewide, 2018



Network Chair Report:

Challenges:	Due to the push to legalize marijuana (either for medicinal use or recreational use) in numerous states, a significant challenge is being able to counteract the amount of disinformation our youth receive regarding the consequences of marijuana use.
Successes:	The result of the multiple prevention strategies being implemented by the coalition is data showing that prevalence of past 30-day use of marijuana and alcohol by youth continue to decrease and perception of harm of use of alcohol and marijuana by our youth continue to increase.
Revisions:	Objectives regarding the #DryLife underage drinking campaign are being removed.
Next Steps:	On March 21, Drug Free St. Lucie will be having a community event in Fort Pierce for community adults and youth that will help the coalition to meet multiple objectives on its action plan including disseminating information regarding the harmful effects of underage drinking and marijuana use. Additionally, many community agencies will be participating and giving out literature regarding important resources that are available in the area.