

Teenagers who smoke are **3 times** more likely to use alcohol, **8 times** more likely to smoke marijuana and **22 times** more likely to use cocaine.

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Mission

The Regional Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention will empower and assist citizens in their efforts to improve our community; enhance and support substance abuse prevention programs; and gather, interpret and share information between members and the community about alcohol and other drugs.



Who We Are

We are a group of concerned citizens, parents, students, teachers, law enforcement officers, business representatives, other professionals and concerned individuals who are striving to keep our community free of abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.



Get Involved

RASAP meets every other month. If you want to help prevent youth substance abuse in our community, please join our coalition.



Youth Advisory Council

The RASAP youth advisory council is an opportunity available for teens in grades 9-12 residing in the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County. Meetings are held monthly.

Youth Substance Abuse Effects on the Community



Healthcare

The large numbers of youth involved with alcohol and other drugs face an increased risk of death through suicide, homicide, accident and illness.



Economic

The result from the financial losses include: increased burdens for the support of adolescents and young adults who are not able to become self-supporting, and greater demands for medical and other treatment services for youth.



Education

Declining grades, absenteeism from school and other activities, and increased potential for dropping out of school are problems associated with adolescent substance abuse.



Family

Substance abuse can drain a family's financial and emotional resources, leaving both siblings and parents profoundly affected by alcohol and drug-involved youth.