



CAB NEWSLETTER

The Community Advisory Board's Official Monthly Newsletter

YOUR ONLINE INPUT IS REQUIRED

We are again requesting board members to offer their input to the board by responding to the required survey.

CAB members complete an annual survey providing input on and concerns about their area.

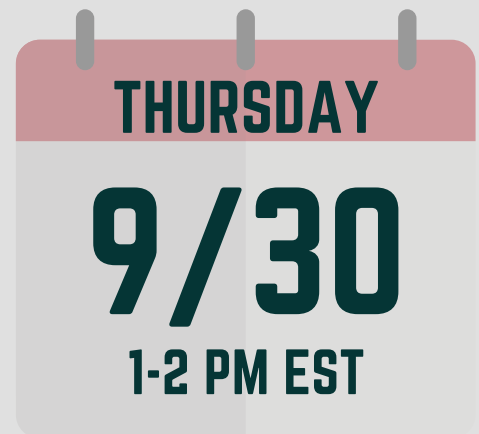
You receive your \$200 gift card upon completion.

The link to the survey is here:
https://illinoislas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_brrGLEWLQF6wIDA

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CAB TRIMONTHLY MEETING



<https://upenn.zoom.us/j/95610118839>

Meeting ID: 956 1011 8839



MEMBER UPDATES

Kristen Gingery - Morgan County, WV

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Morgan County Partnership and Morgan County Schools administered the PRIDE Survey to students in 6th through 12th grade at Warm Springs Middle School, Berkeley Springs High School, and Paw Paw Schools. The data reported is representative of the 6th-12th grade population of the schools and communities in Morgan County, WV. A total of 493 students completed the PRIDE questionnaire.

The PRIDE Survey is a national evaluation that measures student alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Results of the survey provide comprehensive descriptions of the self-reported drug use patterns of area youth in addition other attitudes and behaviors known to be related to alcohol and drug use/misuse (e.g. family characteristics and participation in community or school events).

The table below presents the 2020-2021 results for five key measures of substance use/misuse for Morgan County, West Virginia.

MEASURE	Alcohol	Marijuana	Tobacco	Prescription Drugs ¹
30 Day Use	13.2%	5.8%	2.5%	1.4%
Perceived Harm ²	60.2%	47.8%	83.2%	83.8%
Parental Disapproval ³	84.7%	80.6	89.0%	95.1%
Friend Disapproval ³	68.5%	63.5%	71.1%	85.9%
Average Age of 1st Use(yrs.)	13.4	13.8	13.5	12.1

1 Non-medical use, 2 Percent responding harmful or very harmful, 3 Percent responding that parent or friend feels behavior is wrong or very wrong

Read more about the PRIDE Survey findings [here](#).

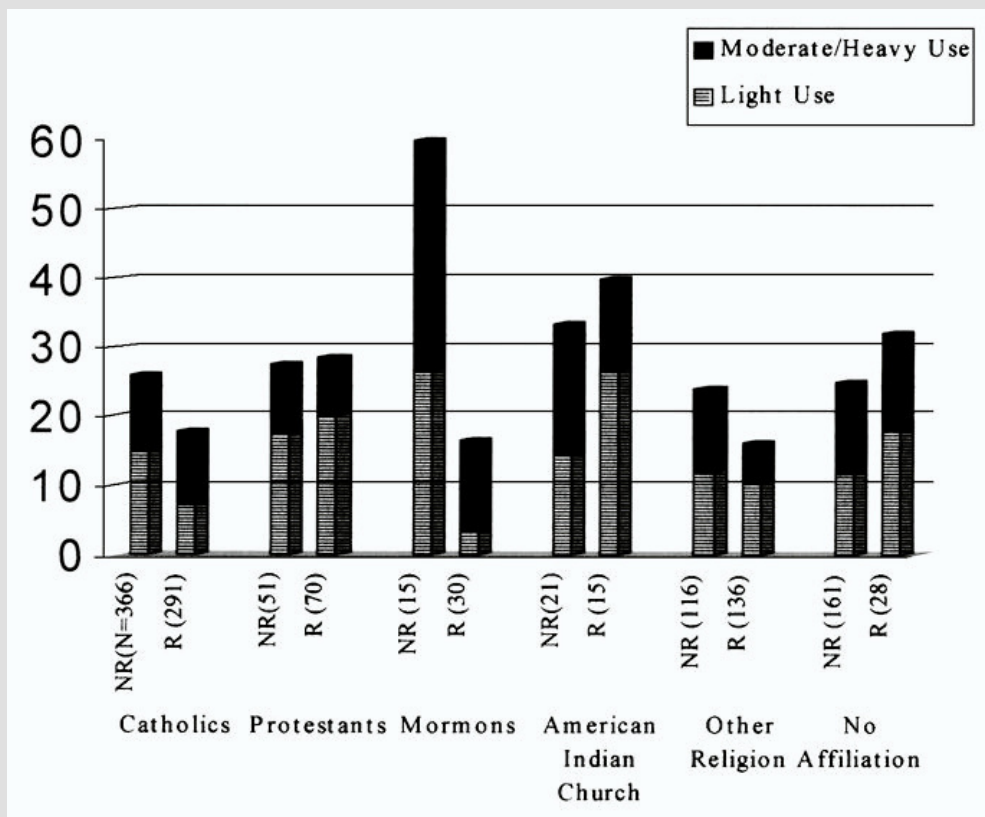
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“SUBSTANCE USE AMONG RELIGIOUS AND NONRELIGIOUS YOUTH”

Flavio Francisco Marsiglia, PhD, Stephen Kulis, PhD, Tanya Nieri, MA, and Monica Parsai, MSW

Abstract: Among a predominately Mexican and Mexican American sample of preadolescents, religiosity protected against lifetime alcohol, cigarette, and marijuana use and recent alcohol and cigarette use when religious affiliation was controlled. When religiosity was controlled, however, adolescents with no religious affiliation and adolescents who were religiously affiliated reported similar substance use outcomes. Interaction effects demonstrated that the protective effect of greater religiosity operated more strongly in some religions than in others for selected outcomes. Overall, the impact of religiosity on reported drug use did not differ significantly for more and less acculturated Latino youth.



Percentage of participants reporting use of marijuana (lifetime) by religious affiliation and religiosity. NR = not religious; R = religious.

Read about this study [here](#).

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”SYRINGE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS DURING THE OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS”

With the continuing severity of the opioid crisis in the past decade, more restrictive opioid prescribing policies have reduced the overall availability of prescription opioids, which, in turn, has inadvertently led to an increased use of illicit drugs such as heroin. These illicit drugs are associated with higher rates of overdose, serious infection, and disease transmission since they are often injected, while prescription opioids are taken through pills. To combat this issue, syringe services programs (SSPs) have been implemented and shown to increase proper disposal of used needles, reduce rates of HIV and HCV among PWID, and further encourage treatment for PWID. It is recommended for state governments to begin implementation of SSPs but there are many state policy barriers, among other problems, that challenge this initiative. Read about the various ways to combat this issue [here](#).



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HAMILTON COUNTY PARENTS URGE MASK MANDATE IN SCHOOLS

Article written by Wyatt Massey

Massey illustrates the call-to-action Hamilton County parents and Tennessee doctors are pushing to enact. They are calling on the Hamilton County school board and county Mayor Jim Copping to issue a temporary mask mandate for local schools in the face of political pressure to do otherwise. Read more about the August 9 issue [here](#).

"This is not red or blue. This is science. This is not about anything other than protecting children."

- Dr. Jason Martin, a critical care doctor in Sumner County

AS DELTA VARIANT SPREADS, CHATTANOOGA AREA COLLEGES ADAPT TO PREPARE FOR FALL SEMESTER

With small and large universities opening up for in-person classes, colleges in the Chattanooga area, like the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Chattanooga State, are enforcing mask mandates to students and staff. They are also encouraging all to be vaccinated, and some are holding on-campus vaccination clinics. Last week, Dalton State College was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the American College Health Association that will be used to promote vaccination efforts on campus. Details and statistics of the article can be found [here](#).