

Montcalm Prevention Collaborative



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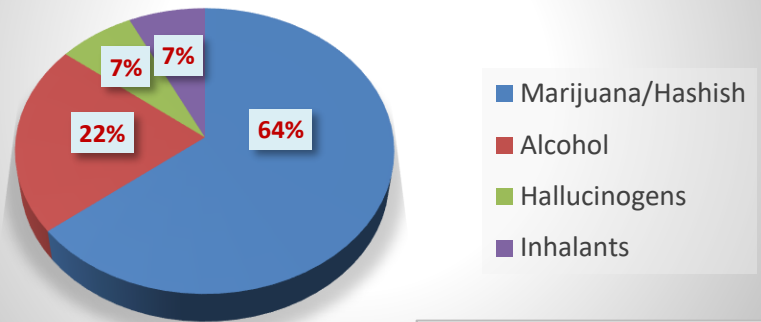
One County. One Cause.

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WHO WE ARE

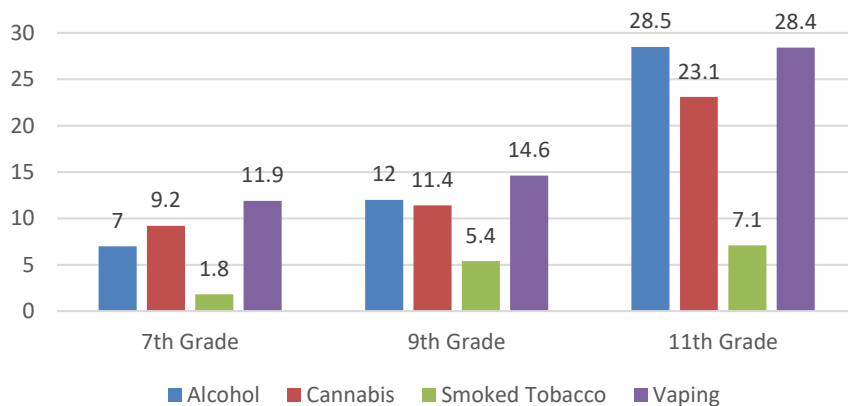
The Montcalm Prevention Collaborative (MPC) is a grassroots collaborative initially formed in 2009. The **MPC volunteers** commitment is the cornerstone of MPC successes. Members include people throughout the County such as Parents, Youth, Grand Parents, Faith Leaders, School Representatives, Business Leaders, Law Enforcement, as well as others.

Montcalm County Youth 0 thru 17 Years
Old Primary Substance at Treatment
Admission 10/1/19 to 9/30/20



Source: Mid-State Health

Past 30 Day **Use Percentage**; Montcalm 7th, 9th, and 11th Grade Youth; 2019-2020 MiPHY Survey



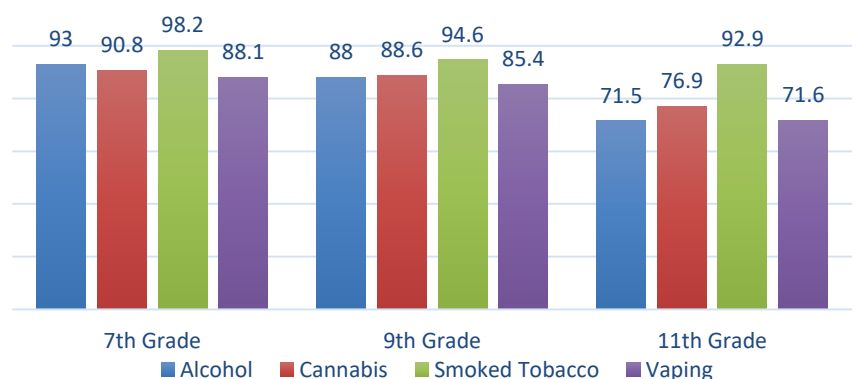
FACING THE CHALLENGES

Technology and changes in the law make it easier than ever for youth to get and use alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs. Montcalm County youth are joining others from around the world as part of the *Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)* to create healthier, more fulfilling lives.

MOST YOUTH CHOOSE NOT TO USE

Although it is important to recognize the problems of youth using, it is also **Good to Recognize, Support, & Celebrate** that **MOST YOUTH CHOOSE NOT TO USE** alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other drugs.

Past 30 Day **Non-Use Percentage**; Montcalm 7th, 9th, and 11th Grade Youth; 2019-2020 MiPHY Survey



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Placing a **Medication Disposal** drop box in each law enforcement agency in the County
- Collection and disposal of approximately **10,000 pounds** of unused medication
- Shared **Best Practices** around prescribing opioids with physicians
- Distribution of **Narcan Kits** with community collaborative partners and law enforcement
- Implementing **Tobacco Vendor Compliance Checks** with law enforcement partners
- Promoted healthy, substance-free events in schools and **increased prevention programs with school partners**
- Conducted a media campaign on Marijuana, with the focus on **“It’s still bad for youth.”**
- We support youth engagement and participation in the majority of Montcalm schools, and
- Provided capacity-building training for our Collaborative volunteers, inclusive of the Youth Team, using CADCA’s National Youth Leadership Training.

SECRETS TO OUR SUCCESS

People: Those looking to make a positive difference in the lives of youth and the quality of our community are invited to the team.

Best Practices: Guided by the science of prevention and social change, we use proven strategies for improving outcomes.

Action Orientation: Committed to producing tangible results we consistently move from thoughtful conversation to strategic action.

Continuous Improvement: Through ongoing evaluation of our prevention work, we learn from each decision we make and each action we take.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To ensure the continuation of effective community prevention and youth leadership initiatives, it takes **all of us stepping up, joining together, and focusing our *Caring into Action!***

- ✓ **Become a supporting member:** Donate money or supplies, and/or attend events. You are welcome to attend meetings to stay up-to-date on Collaborative Actions.
- ✓ **Become a voting member:** Join the Collaborative and help move the work forward by serving on one of our **Action Teams** and/or providing in-kind services.
- ✓ **Become a collaborator:** Spread the word about MPC and how people can connect.

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