

The Positives of PREVENTION

Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

The following statistics are from the *2008 Michigan Profiles for Healthy Youth (MiPHY)*, where Jackson County youth answer questions about themselves, their close friends and their peers.

Jackson County high school-aged youth say ...

- 57% think it is **wrong to drink alcohol**
- 57% have **never been drunk**
- 67% think it is **wrong to smoke cigarettes**
- 66% have **never smoked a whole cigarette**
- 67% have **never tried marijuana**

- 70% feel **regular alcohol use is risky**
- 61% would **use refusal skills when offered alcohol**
- 88% feel **regular cigarette use is risky**
- 72% feel **regular marijuana use is risky**

- 87% **wouldn't think of taking something without asking** – even if they got away with it
- 62% would **try to stop a friend from stealing**
- 95% feel **safe in their neighborhood**

- 82% enjoy **spending time with their mother**
- 73% enjoy **spending time with their father**
- 73% could **ask their mom or dad for help with personal problems**