



AHM CHEC Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia Community Survey Outcomes

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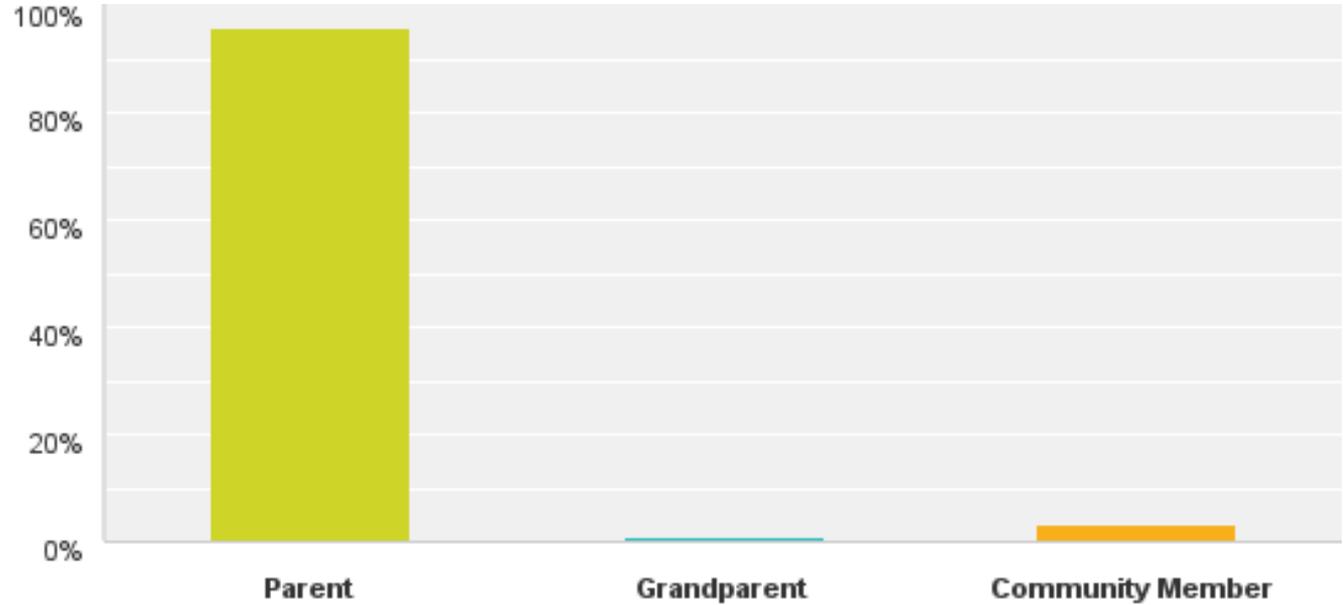
In January-March of 2016 Andover, Hebron and Marlborough Youth and Families Services, Coalition for a Health Empowered Community (CHEC), conducted a community survey aimed to gather information from adults to better plan and implement alcohol and other drug prevention programs.

This survey is a convenience sample, meaning it does not statistically represent the opinions of adults in Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia, however it does provide great feedback on the thoughts of many (n=435) adults in the community.

Thank you to those who participated in the survey and to those who are reviewing these outcomes.

Q1: How would you describe yourself? (choose the best one for you)

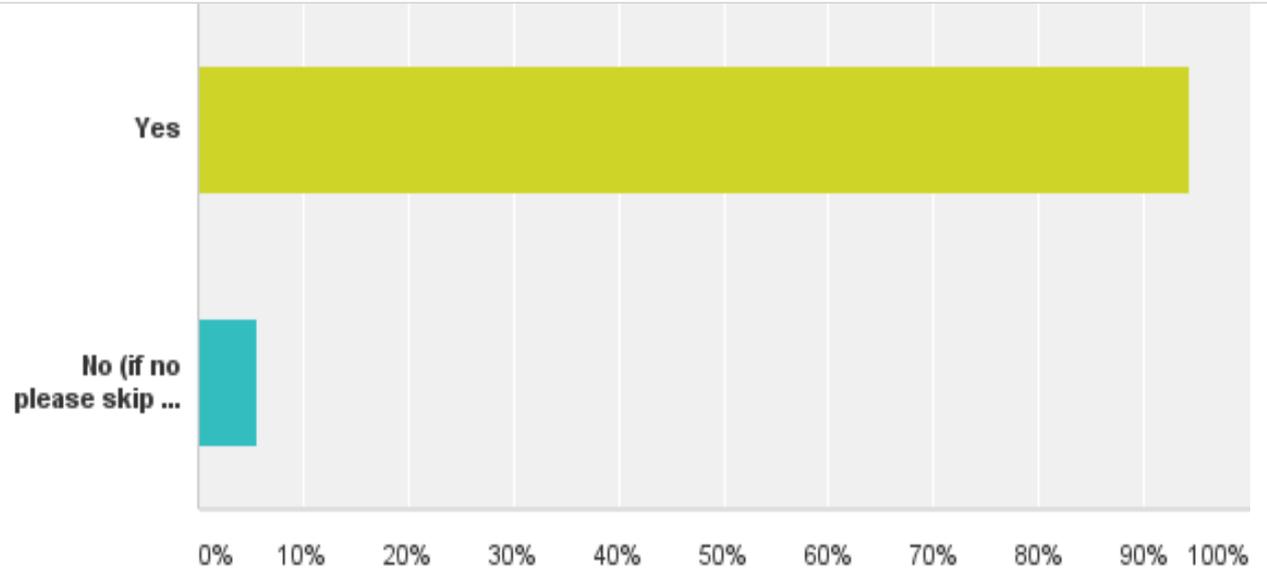
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435 Total Responses

Q2: Do school aged children live with you in your home?

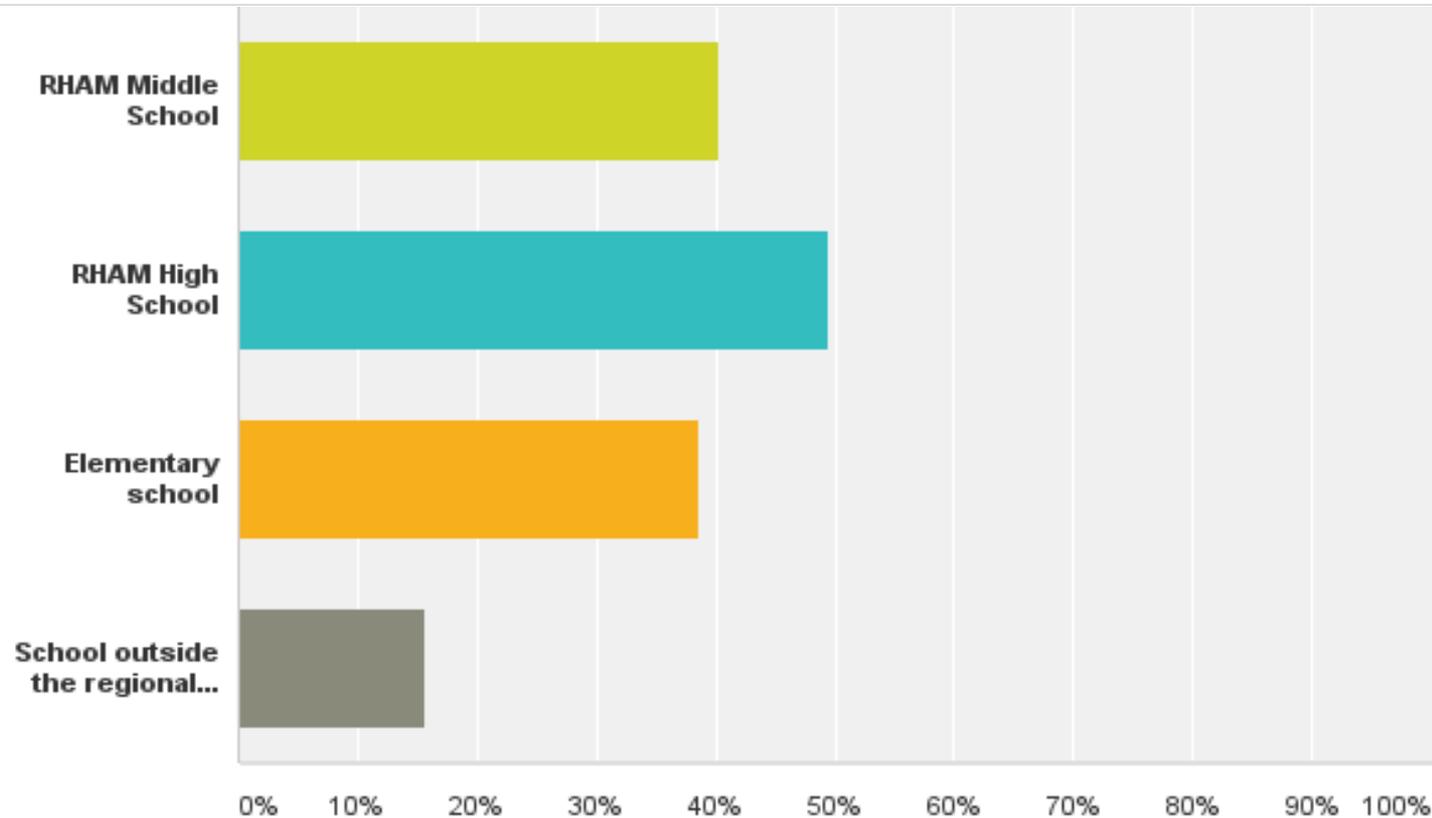
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	94.44% 408
No (if no please skip the next question)	5.56% 24
Total	432

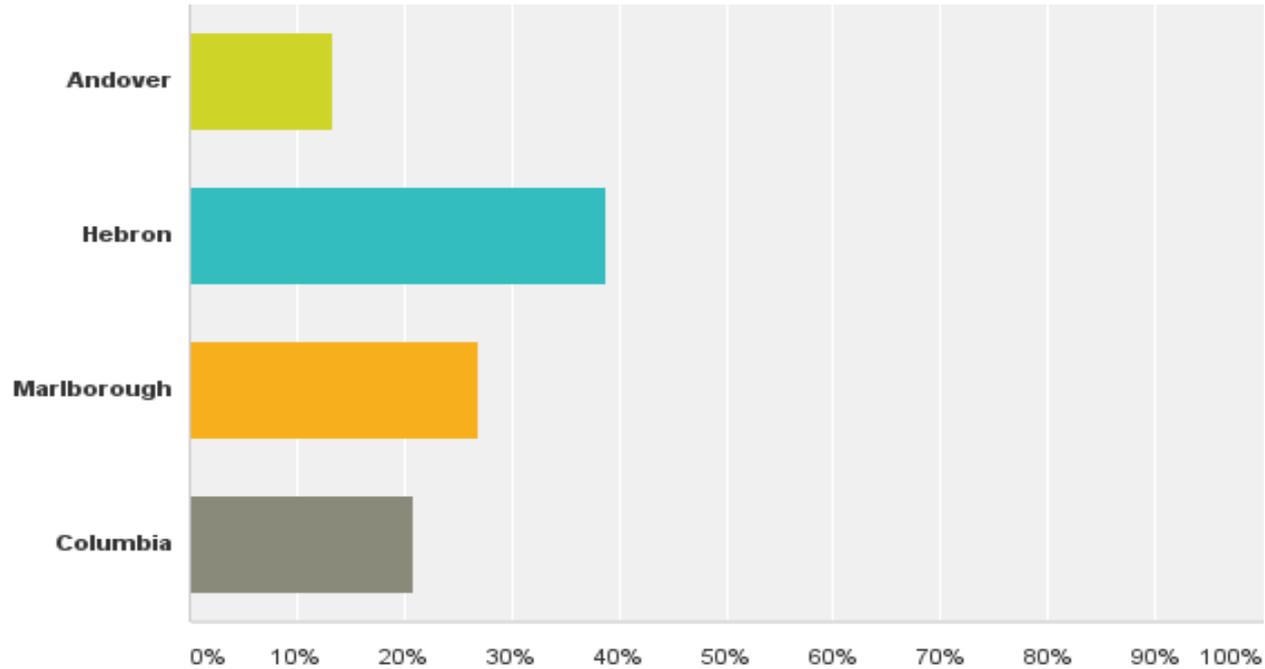
Q3: What school does the child/children who live in your home attend? (select all that apply)

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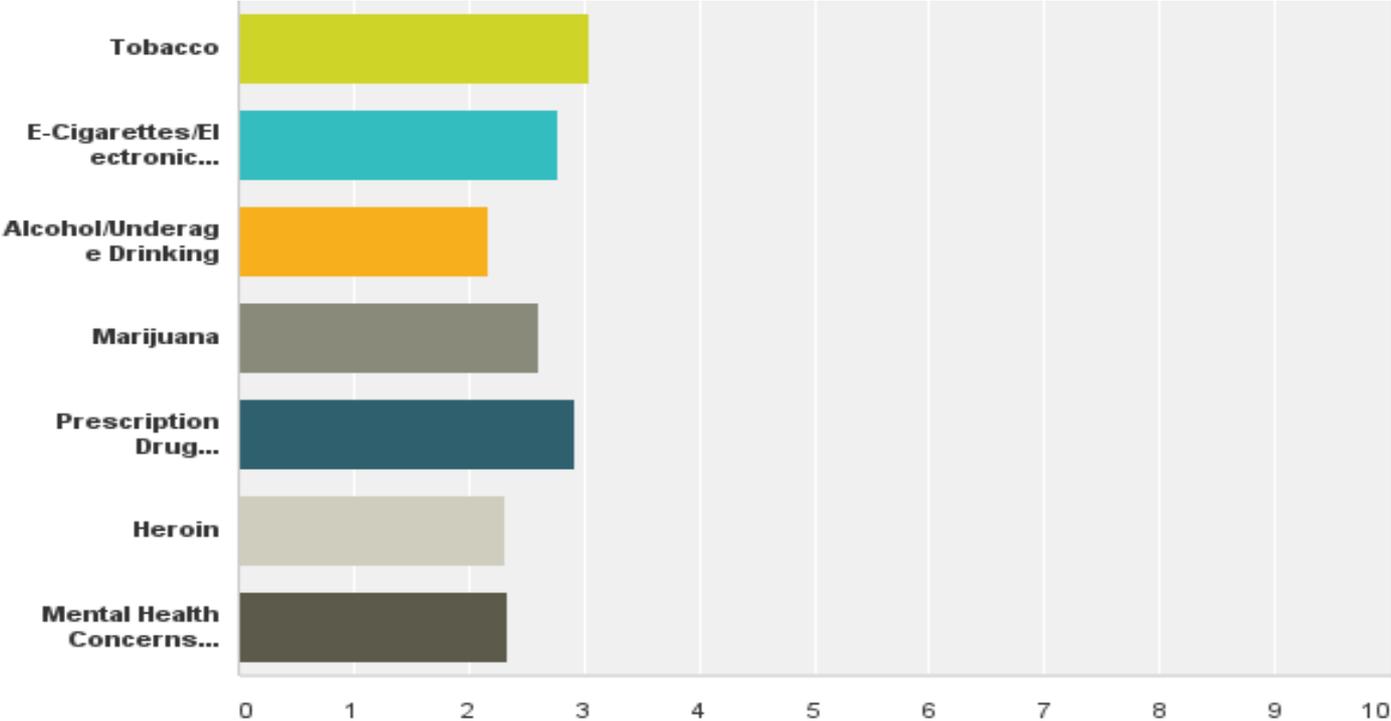


Q4: The community I live in is:

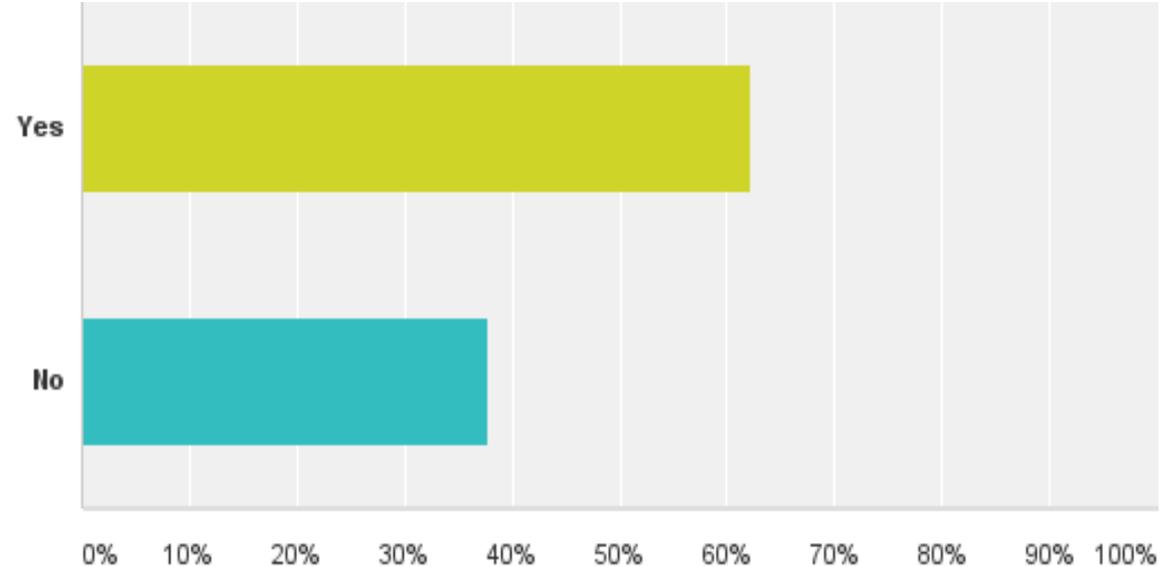
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Q5: Based on your knowledge of the community, what are the top mental health and substance abuse concerns you have in your community? (Please select the top 4, with one being of most concern, and 4 being least of your top 4 concerns)

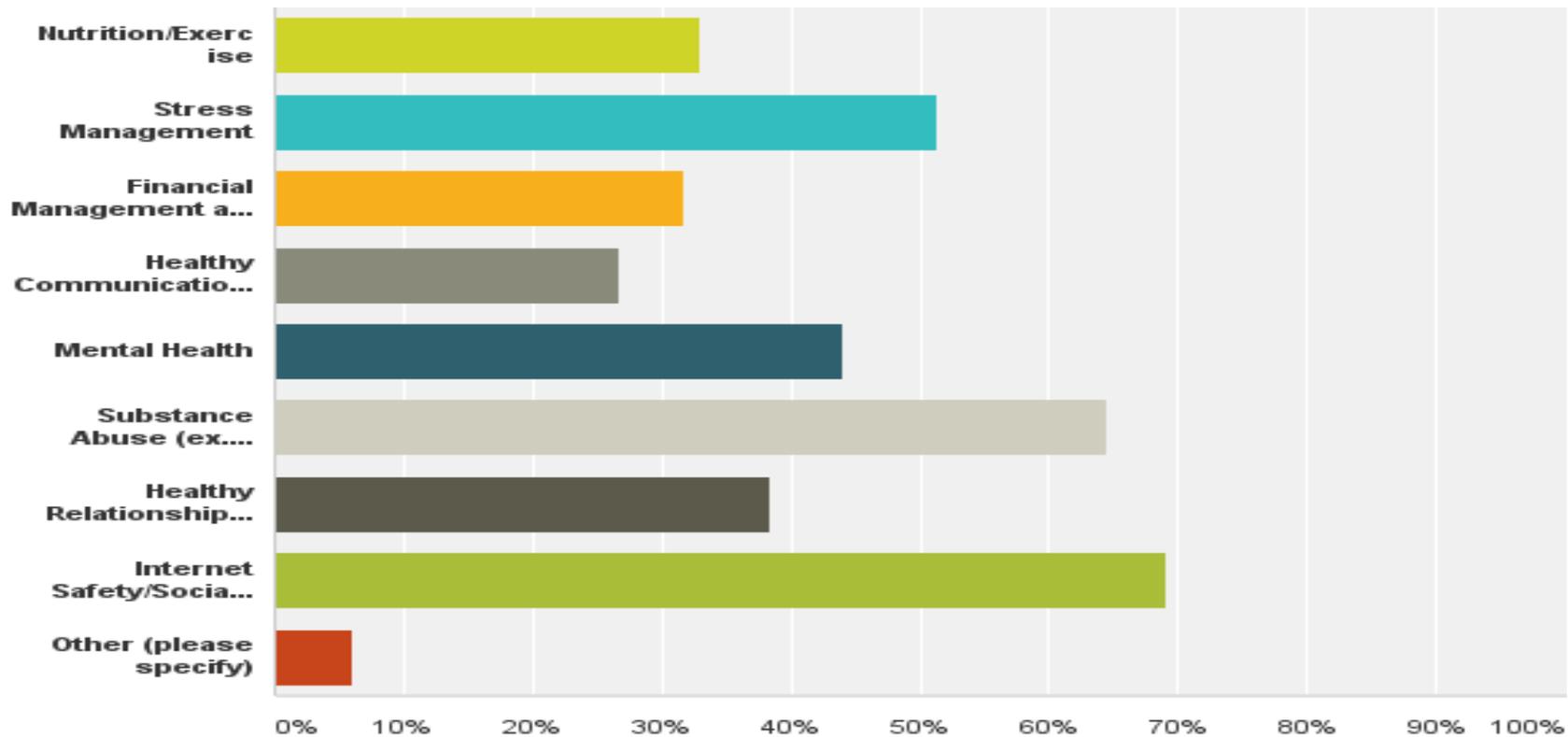


Q9: Would you agree that it should be required for parents/guardians and their teens to attend an orientation that included information on alcohol, other drugs and related behaviors before students begin the school year?



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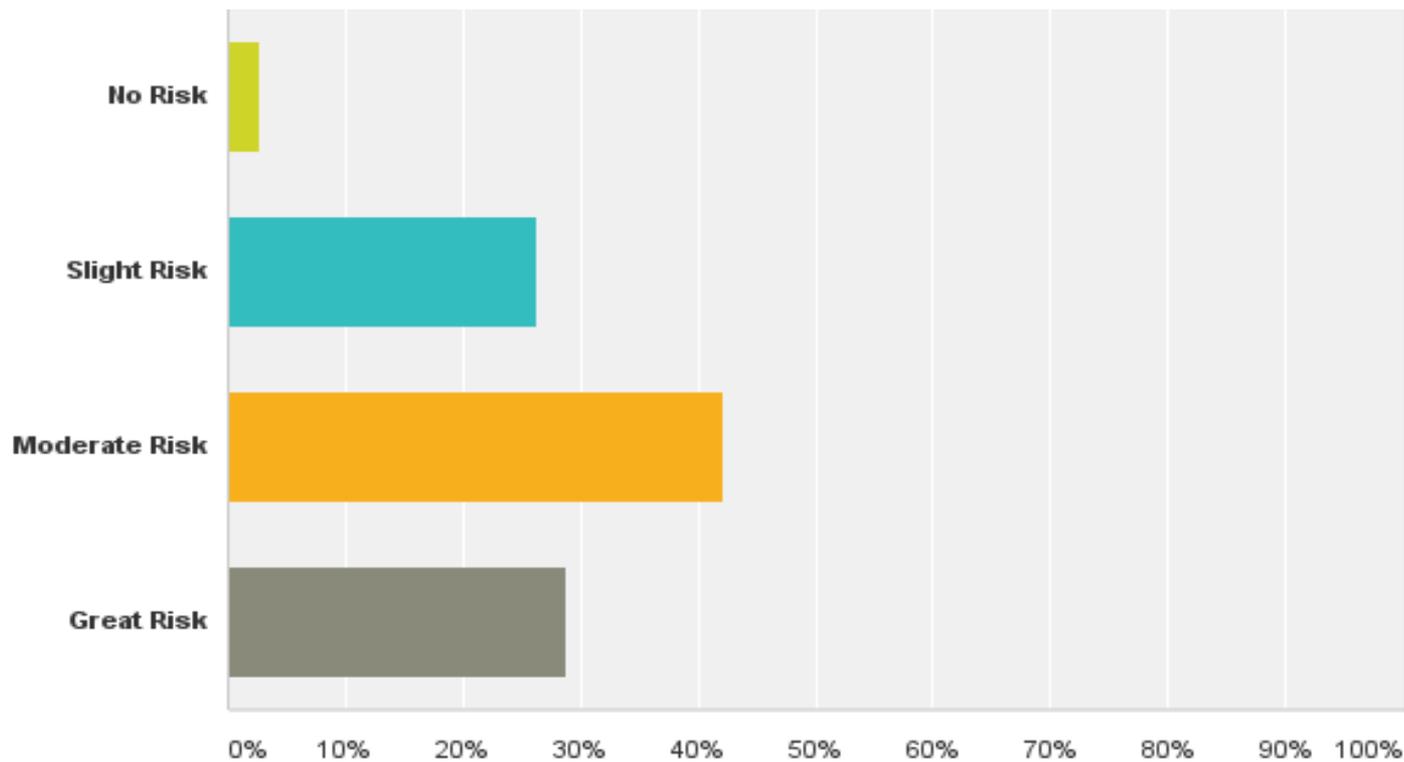
Q10: What topics would you be interested in learning more about at a community forum or workshop related to youth wellness? (Select all that apply)



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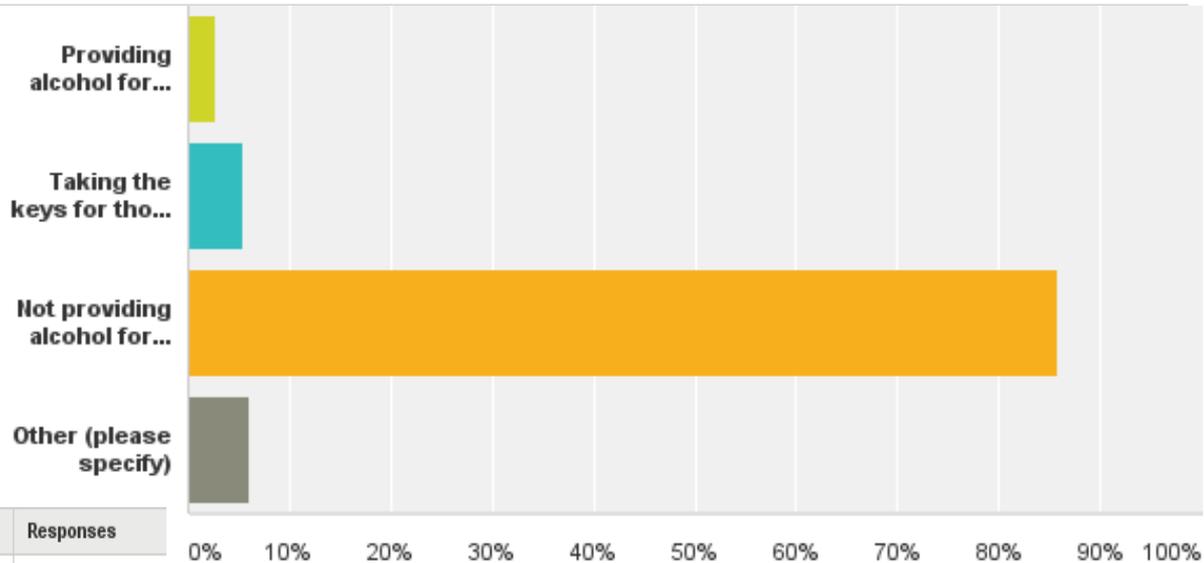
Q11: How much do you think youth risk harming themselves physically or in other ways when they use marijuana? (Select one answer)

Answered: 431 Skipped: 4



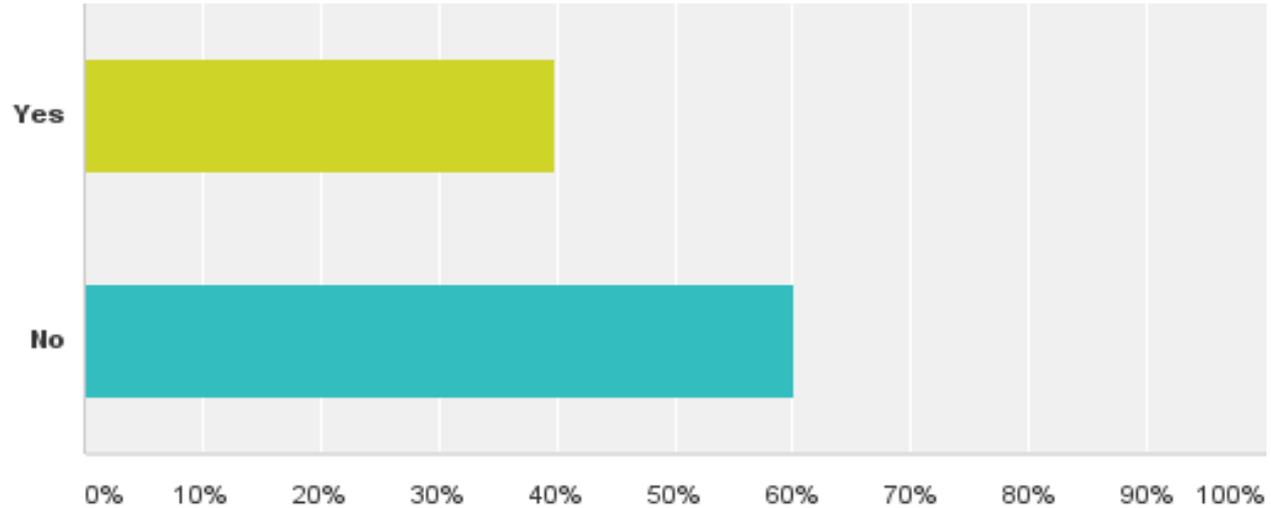
Q12: What do you think is the safest choice regarding underage drinking? (Select one answer)

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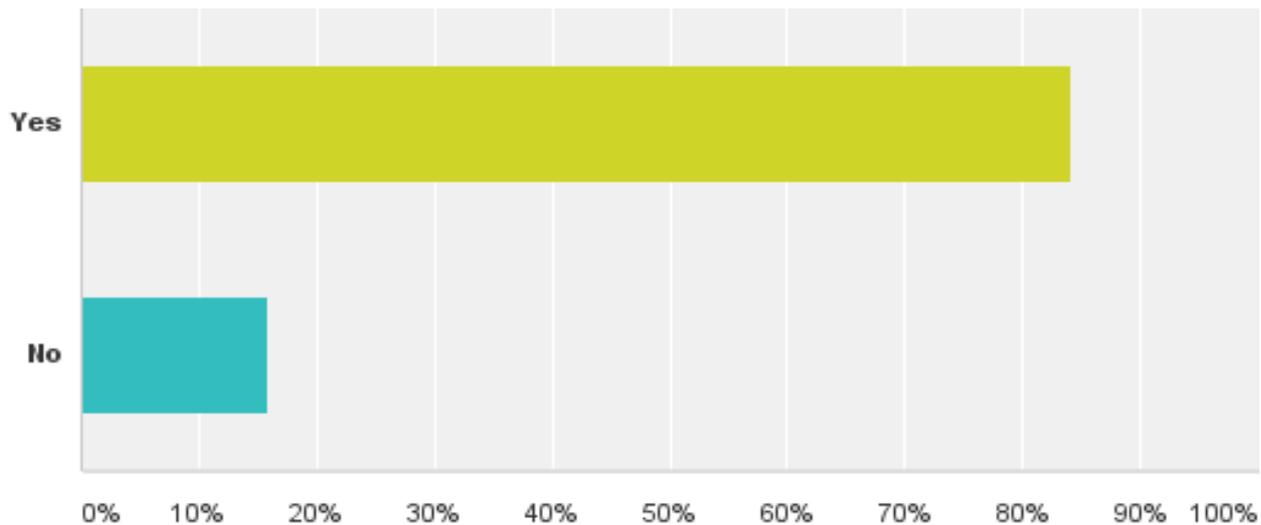
Answer Choices	Responses
Providing alcohol for those under age 21 to use in a safe place	2.78% 12
Taking the keys for those under age 21 to prevent drinking and driving	5.34% 23
Not providing alcohol for those under 21	85.85% 370
Other (please specify)	6.03% 26
Total	431

Q15: AHM's CHEC Coalition has a "Tipline" to inform the police of underage drinking/drug parties, with the intent of keeping youth safe, Have you heard of this "tipline" webpage?



Answered: 432 Skipped: 3

Q16: Would you use this underage drinking/drug use “tipline” webpage as described above?



Answered: 420 Skipped: 15

Data-Driven Strategies from CHEC's Evaluator Bonnie Smith, MPH, CPH

- 1) As respondents are almost equally concerned about youth use of specific substances (tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery devices (ENDS, E-cig), underage alcohol use, marijuana, prescription drug misuse, heroin and mental health concerns), strategies that address risk factors for substance use and mental health problems universally, should be employed, in addition to substance specific practices.
- 2) With 27% of respondents reporting that “youth risk harming themselves physically or in other ways when they use marijuana” with a “slight risk,” and 8% of respondents indicating they felt that “providing alcohol for youth to use in a safe place” or “taking the key” are the safest choices regarding underage drinking, marijuana and underage drinking targeted strategies should continue and perhaps be expanded.
- 3) With 85% of respondents indicating they would use the underage drinking/drug party “tipline”, further promotion is suggested, as well as opportunities for parents and adult community members to learn more about the details of the “tipline” process.
- 4) 62% of respondents stated they would support an orientation required for parents/guardians and their teens that included information on alcohol, other drugs and related behaviors before students begin the school year. These data demonstrate an openness to such a policy and process, continued dialogue between CHEC and school partners, with the goal of establishing a means of reaching all parents with this information, should continue.

On behalf of the Coalition for a Healthy Empowered Community (CHEC), thank you so much for reviewing the results of our community survey.

With this information, CHEC will have further resources to better support youth and families to be informed about alcohol and other drug use and prevention efforts.

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