

MOST OF US...

- Don't smoke cigarettes:
 - In 2006, 70% of seniors had not smoked in the past 30 days
 - In 2010, 86.7% of seniors have not smoked in the past 30 days
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 16.7%
- Believe our friends aren't using drugs
 - In 2006, only 34.6% of seniors believed their friends weren't using drugs
 - In 2010, 63.9% of seniors believe their friends don't use drugs
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 29.3%
- Have never tried marijuana:
 - In 2006, 25.5% of seniors had never tried marijuana
 - In 2010, 52% of seniors have never tried marijuana
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 26.5%
- Do not regularly smoke marijuana:
 - In 2006, 51.1% of seniors admitted to having smoked marijuana in the past month
 - In 2010, 30.7% of seniors admitted to having smoked marijuana in the past month
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 20.4%
- Believe there are opportunities at school to get involved in positive activities
 - In 2006, 37.7% of seniors believed there were pro-social opportunities at school
 - In 2010, 69.3% of seniors believe there are pro-social opportunities at school
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 31.6%
- Believe we are rewarded for involvement in positive activities
 - In 2006, 30.8% of seniors believed they were rewarded for pro-social involvement
 - In 2010, 61.3% of seniors believe they are rewarded for pro-social involvement
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 30.5%

MORE OF US...

- Are not drinking regularly:
 - In 2006, 65.3% of seniors admitted to having had a drink in the past month
 - In 2010, 58.7% of seniors admitted to having had a drink in the past month
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 6.6%
- Believe our friends would disapprove if we drank alcohol regularly:
 - In 2010, 48.3% of seniors believe their friends would disapprove
 - In 2006, 29.2% of seniors believed their friends would disapprove
 - THIS IS A POSITIVE CHANGE OF 19.1%

Although these statistics show improvement, there is still a lot to do in our community.

- The average age of first use has gotten lower
 - This year's seniors started using alcohol, tobacco and/or marijuana at 14 ½
 - Current 6th graders started using alcohol, tobacco and/or marijuana at 10 ½
- Alcohol use is too high among all grades (74.7% of seniors have tried it)
- Half of our youth think parents have favorable attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- 21.3% of seniors have used prescription drugs that were not intended for them
- Only 44.6% of seniors think the community offers them opportunities for pro-social involvement

The data presented here came from a 2010 survey of all Hoosick Falls Central School students in Grades 6, 8, 10 & 12. The survey has been conducted by the Hoosick Area Youth Center and Community Coalition (formerly HAPPY) since 2002 using funds from the Drug Free Communities grant.