

# Alcohol & Drug Usage

## Community Impact

The average age of first use has climbed from just under 12.5 to just over 13 years of age since 2010 and the percentage of students who report having ever used alcohol or 13 different types of drugs has dropped anywhere between 5% and 61% in the same time period. There is also a 23.3% greater chance a youth will turn down alcohol offered by a friend.

## Source of Data

Missouri Department of Social Services/Student Surveys

## Agency Programs Impacting This Target Population

### [Preferred Family Healthcare](#)

## Background

Funding for [Preferred Family Healthcare's](#) Teams of Concern program began in the fall of 2005 and has been expanded to four of the five public school districts and some of the private schools. In addition, services have been added so that middle school and junior high students can benefit as well as high school students. Staff are imbedded with school personnel teams and they work together to identify at risk students who receive substance abuse evaluations and appropriate treatment if needed. Additionally they provide prevention education to faculty, students and their parents through a variety of means.