

A bit about RCFY and who we are:

Our mission statement: Raymond Coalition for Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and strengthen community assets by coordinating services and opportunities through prevention initiatives, including suicide, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Who we are: RCFY is a true community coalition that collaborates together to bring programming and activities to our area for the youth and their families. RCFY is made up of the community members, parents, youth, police, town government, the school district, the Rec department, faith based community, businesses, private and public health providers, mental health providers and substance abuse prevention providers.

What: We actively work to raise awareness and educate the community on the dangers and issues around underage drinking, tobacco and drug use. We believe these are adult problems that negatively affect our youth. We focus on positive behaviors, raising protective factors and limiting risk factors.

When and Where: Monthly Coalition meetings are on the second Thursday of every month, 9 – 10:30 am at Lamprey Health Care on RT 27 in Raymond. We have several subcommittees that also meet to focus on priority areas. All groups encourage active involvement and are open to everyone.

How? RCFY continues to succeed because of the great people who are involved and committed to the youth in our town. Monthly collaboration meetings continue to grow and flourish with ideas. Our funding comes from grants, donations and fundraising.

Why are you so important to RCFY: RCFY is a community coalition that believes that working together we can accomplish great things. Group efforts support group change. You have a voice and ideas that can support RCFY as we move forward.

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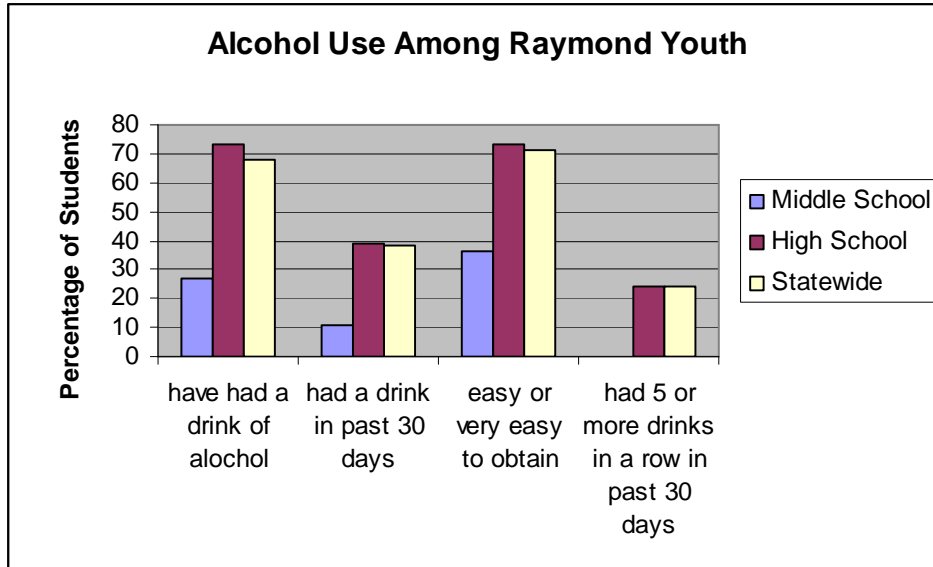
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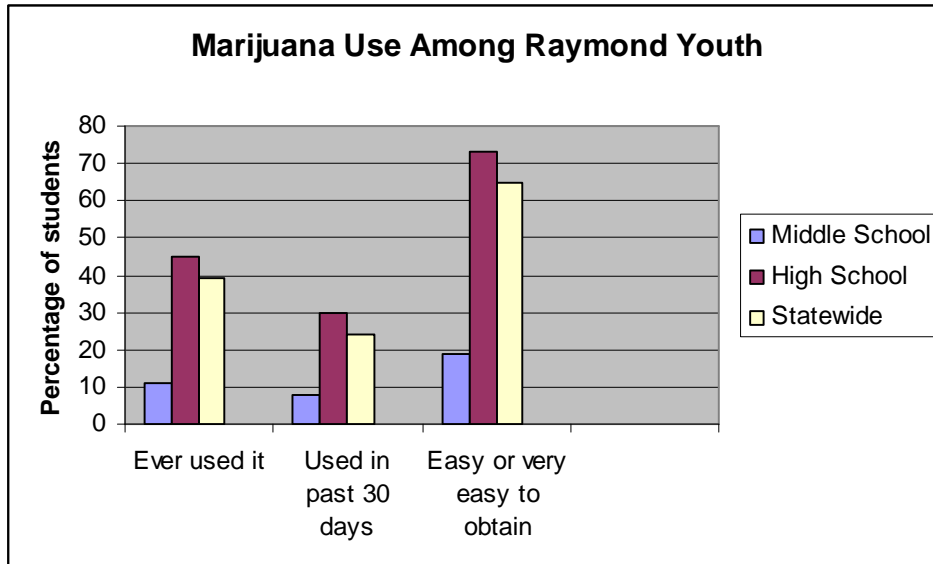
Why We Do It

The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that alcohol use among Raymond youth is higher or equal to the state average in all categories shown:

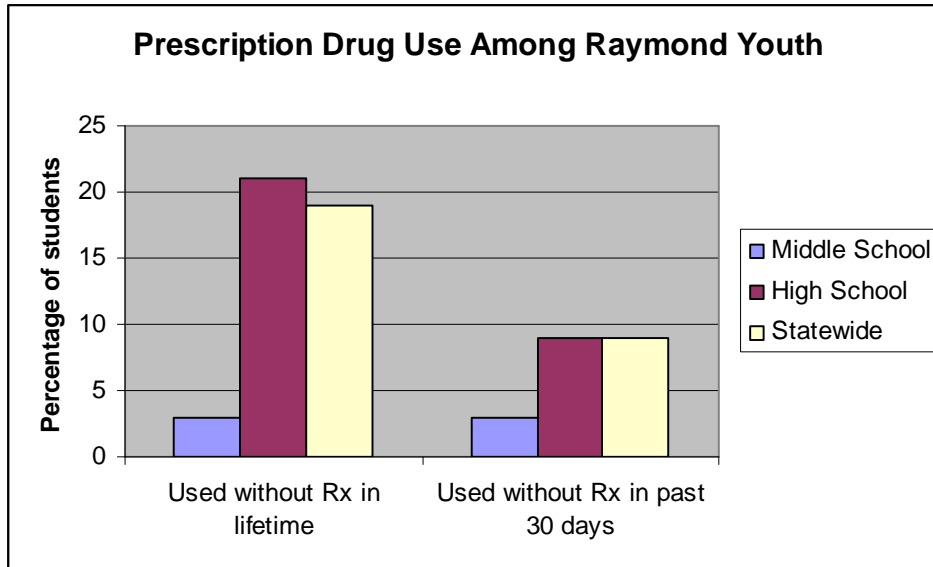


* Yellow column is State wide **High School** Data

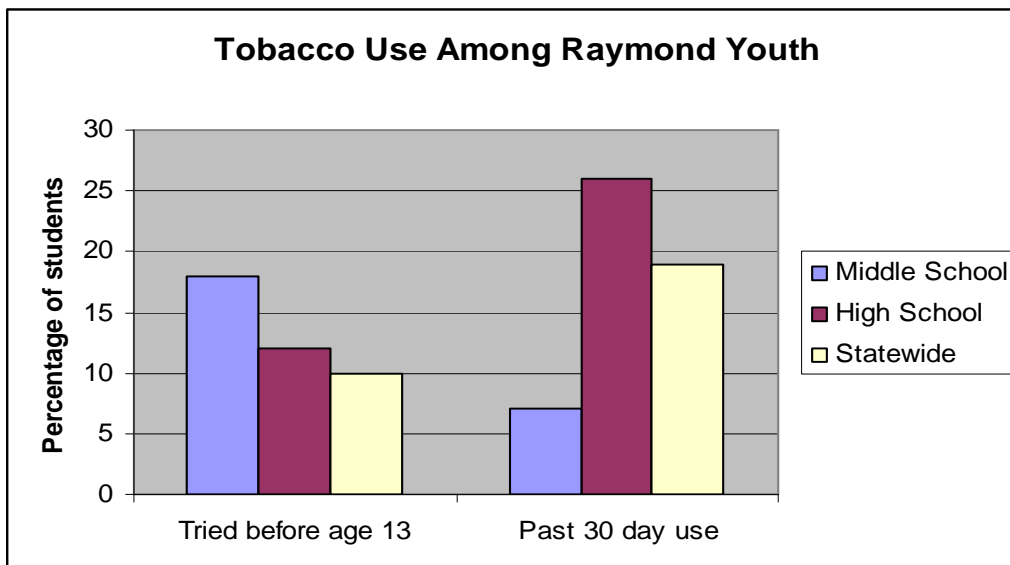
The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that marijuana use among Raymond youth is higher than statewide in every category.



The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey - Prescription Drug use without a Doctor's Prescription



The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that tobacco use among middle school students shows early onset of use as they enter high school.



What has RCFY done for Raymond and its youth?

A very successful After School Program at the Middle School

Family Fun Night – a grant family friendly event held in February to raise awareness to our partnering organizations and the services they offer in our community.

Smoking in the bathrooms was eradicated, follow by the passing of a town ordinance to ban smoking on all Town Recreation Fields.

Conducted many awareness activities at the High School including two that have won National awards for Youth Safety including the Grim Reaper project and Don't be Fatuous, Choose Wisely

Project Safeguard has taken place for all seventh grade students since 2004

Have produced a Controlled Party Dispersal video with Raymond Police Department and NH Liquor Enforcement

Have trained over 500 in the NAMI Connect Youth Suicide Prevention Framework

Brought in Project Alert training and all materials to be instituted at IHGMS

Town Hall meetings to raise awareness to underage drinking in our town

Boomerang a diversion program for youth 18 and younger

What's new going forward in 2010:

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program will be implemented in The Raymond School district at all three schools to address the newly adopted law in NH. Funding for the program materials and training have been completely paid for by fund obtained by RCFY.

Life of An Athlete policy has been adopted and will be included in the hand book at Raymond High School this coming school year. This policy prohibits the use of alcohol by students who represent the School on various sports teams 365 days a year. If a student is found to be using this policy allows for a treatment plan to be established that will support the student and allow for them to re engage with the team. This policy is meant to act as a support for the students to be able to resist peer pressure and remove themselves from situations that could otherwise jeopardize them participating on a team. Raymond is the first town in NH that we know of to adopt this policy.

Keys program – with Raymond Police Department – designed for parents to alert the police if they will be away and that they do not give permission for Youth to have an underage drinking party in their home. They give a key to a trusted neighbor or relative and let the police know they may access that key if they suspect a party is taking place in the home. This removes the possibility of parents or homeowners being charges with facilitating an underage drinking party when they were not even there. In addition, it provided the youth an excuse for all of their pressuring friends, that their parents safeguarded their house and the police could drive by to check up on things. Instantly the teen is protected, the parents are protected and the house will be safe.

Funding? What keeps us going?

RCFY is a non-profit organization that continues to be funded through grants that are written to private organizations, foundations, the State and Federal government.

For the past few years we have conducted an annual direct mail campaign to raise awareness to the great work that RCFY is doing but also to ask for support from those in the community who can financially support our efforts.

We have run several fundraising events and have had booths at the Raymond Town Fair for several years.

RCFY continues to be very grateful to the Town of Raymond for the use of office space in the Town Hall.

It is through the continued support of our community as a whole that RCFY flourishes and continues with its mission to

Promote Positive Choices for our Youth!

