## LOUISIANA CARING COMMUNITIES YOUTH SURVEY

** Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. The purpose of this survey is to learn how students in our schools feel about their community, family, peers, and school. The survey also asks about health behaviors.
** The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. DO NOT put your name on the questionnaire.
** This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. We would like you to work quickly so you can finish.
** All of the questions should be answered by completely filling in one of the answer spaces. If you do not find an answer that fits exactly, use the one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure what it means, just leave it blank. You can skip any question that you do not wish to answer.
** For questions that have the following answers: NO! no yes YES!
Mark (the BIG) NO! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY NOT TRUE for you.
Mark (the little) no if you think the statement is MOSTLY NOT TRUE for you.
Mark (the little) yes if you think the statement is MOSTLY TRUE for you.
Mark (the BIG) YES! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY TRUE for you.
Example: Chocolate is the best ice cream flavor.
$\bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ !
○

- yes
$\bigcirc$ YES!

In the example above, the student marked "yes" because he or she thinks the statement is mostly true.
** Please mark each question by completely filling in the circle or circles. ONLY USE A \#2 PENCIL.

## Please fill in the following information with the help of your teacher/survey assistant.

School Number:


1. Are you: $\bigcirc$ maLE $\bigcirc$ FEMALE
2. How old are you?

| $\bigcirc 10$ or younger $\bigcirc_{12}$ | $\bigcirc_{14}$ | $\bigcirc 16$ | $\bigcirc 18$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\bigcirc 11$ | $\bigcirc 13$ | $\bigcirc_{15}$ | $\bigcirc 17$ | $\bigcirc 19$ or older |

3. What grade are you in?
$\bigcirc$ 6th $\bigcirc$ 7th $\bigcirc$ 8th $\bigcirc$ 9th $\bigcirc$ 10th $\bigcirc$ 11th $\bigcirc$ 12th
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino? $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No
5. What is your race? (Choose all that apply.)

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White
OUnknown/Other
6. Think of where you live most of the time. Which of the following people live there with you? (Choose all that apply.)

| $\bigcirc$ Mother | $\bigcirc$ Uncle |
| :---: | :---: |
| Stepmother | $\bigcirc$ Other Adult(s) |
| $\bigcirc$ Father | $\bigcirc$ Brother(s) |
| $\bigcirc$ Stepfather | $\bigcirc$ Stepbrother(s) |
| $\bigcirc$ Foster Parent(s) | $\bigcirc$ Sister(s) |
| $\bigcirc$ Grandparent(s) | $\bigcirc$ Stepsister(s) |
| $\bigcirc$ Aunt | $\bigcirc$ Other Children |

7. Think of the adults you live with. What is the highest level of schooling any of them completed?
Completed grade school ○Completed college or less
$\bigcirc$ Some high school
Completed high school
Some college
Graduate or professional school after college
Don't know
Does not apply

The next section asks about your experiences at school.
8. Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?
OMostly F's
Mostly B's
OMostly D's
Mostly A's
22. How interesting are most of your courses to you?

OVery interesting and stimulating $\bigcirc$ Slightly interesting
Quite interesting
ONot at all interesting

| NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
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21. How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life?
OVery important
Slightly important
Quite important
ONot at all important
Fairly important

Fairly interesting students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.
13. There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.
14. I feel safe at my school.
15. The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.
16. My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.
17. Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?
18. I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.

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23. During the LAST FOUR WEEKS, how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or 'cut'?
ONone
O2 days
4-5 days
O11 or more days
$\bigcirc 1$ day $\bigcirc 3$ days $\bigcirc-10$ days

The next questions ask about your feelings and experiences in other parts of your life.
24. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year ( 12 months), how many of your best friends have:
a. participated in clubs, organizations or activities at school?
b. smoked cigarettes?
c. tried beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) when their parents didn't know about it?

| d. made a commitment to stay drug-free? | $\bigcirc$ |  | - |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| e. used marijuana? | $\bigcirc$ | O | O | - |  |
| f. tried to do well in school? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | 0 | 0 |  |
| g. used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | O |  |  |
| h. been suspended from school? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |  |  | $\bigcirc$ |
| i. liked school? | $\bigcirc$ | O | 0 | O |  |
| j. carried a handgun? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | - | O |  |
| k. sold illegal drugs? | $\bigcirc$ | - | O | O |  |
| I. regularly attended religious services? | $\bigcirc$ | - |  | O |  |
| m . stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | O | $\bigcirc$ | O |
| n. been arrested? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | O | O | O |
| o. dropped out of school? | O | $\bigcirc$ | O | $\bigcirc$ | - |

What are the chances
Number seen as cool if you:

a. smoked cigarettes?
b. worked hard at school?
c. began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?
d. defended someone who was being verbally abused at school?
e. smoked marijuana?
f. carried a handgun?
g. regularly volunteered to do community service?

27. How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to:

a. take a handgun to school?
b. steal anything worth more than $\$ 5$ ?
c. pick a fight with someone?
d. attack someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?
e. stay away from school all day when their parents think they are at school?
f. drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly?
g. smoke cigarettes?
h. smoke marijuana?
i. use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or another illegal drug?
28. Now think about all the students in your grade at your school. How many of them do you think:

a. smoke one or more cigarettes a day?
b. drank alcohol sometime in the past month?
c. used marijuana sometime in the past month?
d. used an illegal drug in the past month (not including marijuana)?

30. Have you ever belonged to a gang?

ONo
OYes, belong now
No, but would like to $\qquad$ Yes, but would like to get out

Yes, in the past
31. How often have you done the following for money, possessions, or anything of value:
32. During the past 30 days, how many times did you DRIVE a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?

Ol do not drive. 0 times
O1 time
2 or 3 times
4 or 5 times
6 or more times
33. During the past 30 days, how many times did you RIDE in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?
$\bigcirc 0$ times
O1 time
2 or 3 times
4 or 5 times
6 or more times

35. During the past 12 months, do you recall hearing, reading, or watching an advertisement about the prevention of substance use? (Choose all that apply.)
ONo
Yes, about alcohol use
Yes, about tobacco useYes, about drug use
36. During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use? (Choose all that apply.)
〇No
〇Yes, about tobacco use about alcohol use
YYes, about drug use

|  | NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37. I think sometimes it's okay to <br> cheat at school. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 38. Sometimes I think that life is <br> not worth it. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 39. At times I think I am no good at all. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 40. All in all, I am inclined to think <br> that I am a failure. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 41. In the past year, have you felt <br> depressed or sad MOST days, <br> even if you felt okay sometimes? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 42. It is all right to beat up people <br> if they start the fight. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 43. I think it is okay to take <br> something without asking if you <br> can get away with it. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |

44. Are you currently taking any medication that was prescribed for you because you had problems with your behavior or emotions?Yes No
45. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:
a. smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
b. try marijuana once or twice?
c. smoke marijuana regularly?
d. take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?
e. have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?
f. smoke marijuana once or twice a week?
g. use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?

46. Think back over the last two weeks. How many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?

None
Once
Twice
-3-5 times
6-9 times
10 or more times

OCCASIONS
On how many occasions (if any) have you:
47. had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or hard liquor) to drink in your lifetime -more than just a few sips?
48. had beer, wine, or hard liquor to drink during the past 30 days?
49. been drunk or very high from drinking alcoholic beverages during the past 30 days
50. used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) in your lifetime?
51. used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) during the past 30 days?
52. used LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, "shrooms" or
psilocybin) in your lifetime?
53. used LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, "shrooms" or psilocybin) during the past 30 days?
54. used cocaine or crack in your lifetime?

55 . used cocaine or crack during the past 30 days?
56. sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays, in order to get high in your lifetime?
57. sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays, in order to get high during the past 30 days?
58. used phenoxydine (pox, px, breeze) in your lifetime?
59. used phenoxydine (pox, px, breeze) during the past 30 days?
60. used methamphetamines (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) in your lifetime?
61. used methamphetamines (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) in the past 30 days?
62. used stimulants, other than methamphetamines (such as amphetamines, Adderall, Dexedrine, Ritalin, ) without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?
63. used stimulants, other than methamphetamines (such as amphetamines, Adderall, Dexedrine, Ritalin) without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?
64. used sedatives (tranquilizers, such as Ativan, Klonopin, Valium, Xanax, barbiturates, or sleeping pills) without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?
65. used sedatives (tranquilizers, such as Ativan, Klonopin, Valium, Xanax, barbiturates, or sleeping pills) without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past $\mathbf{3 0}$ days?
66 . used heroin or other opiates in your lifetime?
67. used heroin or other opiates during the past 30 days?
68. used narcotic prescription drugs (such as OxyContin, methadone, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, Percocet, Suboxone) without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?
69. used narcotic prescription drugs (such as OxyContin, methadone, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, Percocet, Suboxone) without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?
70. used MDMA (X,E, "Molly", or ecstasy) in your lifetime?
71. used MDMA (X,E, "Molly", or ecstasy) in the past 30 days?
72. used synthetic marijuana or herbal incense products (such as K2, Spice, or Gold) in the past 30 days?
73. used other synthetic drugs (such as Bath Salts like Ivory Wave or White Lightning) in the past 30 days?
74. Have you ever used smokeless tobacco (chew, snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, or chewing tobacco)?

[^0]75. How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days?

[^1]3-5 times per week
About once a day
More than once a day
76. Have you ever smoked cigarettes?
ONever
Regularly in the past
Once or twice
Regularly now
Once in a while, but not regularly
77. How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?

## Not at all

Less than one cigarette per day
One to five cigarettes per day
About one-half pack per day
About one pack per day
About one and one-half packs per day
Two packs or more per day
78. Have you ever tried electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs?
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Yes
79. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you:
a. smoke cigarettes?
b. smoke tobacco in a hookah or waterpipe?
b. use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-hookahs?

These questions ask about the neighborhood and community where you live
80. How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age:
a. to use marijuana?
b. to drink alcohol?
c. to smoke cigarettes?


|  | NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 81. I feel safe in my neighborhood. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 82. If a kid smoked marijuana in <br> your neighborhood, would he <br> or she be caught by the police? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 83. If a kid drank some beer, wine, <br> or hard liquor (for example, <br> vodka, whiskey, or gin) in your <br> neighborhood, would he or she <br> be caught by the police? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 84. If a kid carried a handgun in your <br> neighborhood, would he or she <br> be caught by the police? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 85. If someone was drinking and <br> driving in your neighborhood, <br> would they get caught by <br> the police? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 86. If the police caught a kid <br> drinking alcohol in your <br> neighborhood, would he or <br> she be in serious trouble? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |

87. If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?
88. If you wanted to get some beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get some?
89. In your community, how easy would it be for someone under 21 to buy alcohol from a store?
90. If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?
91. If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?
92. If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?
93. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for YOU to:

94. How do you feel about someone your age having one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?
ONeither approve nor disapprove
Somewhat disapprove
Strongly disapprove
Don't know or can't say

The next few questions ask about your family. When answering these questions please think about the people you consider to be your family, for example, parents, stepparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.
95. Have any of your brothers or sisters ever:



|  | NO! | no | yes | YES! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 97. I feel safe at home where I live. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 98. The rules in my family are clear. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 99. People in my family often insult or yell at each other. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 100. When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 101. We argue about the same things in my family over and over. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 102. If you drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 103. My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 104. If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 105. If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 106. My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 107. People in my family have serious arguments. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 108. Would your parents know if you did not come home on time? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 109. It is important to be honest with your parents, even if they become upset or you get punished. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |

110. Have you ever been impacted by someone's suicide?
Ono OYes
111. If you marked "Yes" on q110 above, please rate on a scale of 1-5 how it impacted you.
Ol marked "No".
1 (It had no effect on me.)
2 (It had little effect on me.)
3 (It had some effect on me.)
4 (It had considerable effect on me.)
5 (It had great effect on me.)
112. Have you ever considered attempting suicide?

○ NoYes
113. Have you ever attempted suicide?

No ○Yes
114. Has there ever been a time in your life when you experienced a loss by suicide?
Ono OYes
115. If you marked "Yes" to question 114 above, how long ago did the suicide happen?
Ol marked "No" to the question above.
Within the last year.
Within the past two or three months (60-90 days).
Oln the past month (30 days).
116. If you marked "Yes" to question 114 above, was the loss a blood relative or friend?(Mark all that apply.)
OI marked "No" to the question above.
Friend/peer
Blood relative
Friend/family
Best friend
117. If you marked "Yes" to question 114, have you spoken to anyone about your loss?
I marked "No" to the question above.
No
OYes
118. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?
$\bigcirc$
No
OYes
119. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
$\bigcirc$ No ○Yes
120. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
0 times4 to 5 times
1 time6 or more times
121. During the past 12 months, how many times did you do something to purposefully hurt yourself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning yourself on purpose?
0 times
4 or 5 times
1 time
6 or more times
2 or 3 times
122. Has anyone in your family ever had severe alcohol or drug problems?
O No
NoYes
123. How wrong do you think it is for adults over 21 to drink alcohol in public?
OVery wrong
Wrong
A little bit wrong
Not wrong at all
124. How wrong do you think it is for adults over 21 to get drunk or be drunk in public?
Very wrong
A little bit wrong
Wrong
Not wrong at all
125. During a typical week, how many days do all or most of your family eat at least one meal together? Number of days:$0 \bigcirc 1$
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$\bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4$ $\bigcirc 5$ 6 7
126. About how many adults (over 21) have you known Number of Adults personally who in the past year have:


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133. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you NOT go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?
$\bigcirc 0$ days
-4 or 5 days
$\bigcirc 1$ day
O6 or more days

O2 or 3 days
134. During the past 12 months, how often have you been picked on or bullied by a student ON SCHOOL PROPERTY?
O days
O4 or 5 days
1 day
O or more days
O2 or 3 days
135. Did you drink alcohol in the past year?

ONo (GO TO QUESTION 133)
OYes (GO TO QUESTION 132)
136. If you drank alcohol (not just a sip or taste) in the past year, how did you get it? (Mark the number of times for each).

137. How honest were you in filling out this survey?

Ol was very honest.
Ol was honest most of the time.
Ol was honest some of the time.
Ol was honest once in a while.
Ol was not honest at all.


[^0]:    ONever
    Regularly in the past
    Once or twice
    Regularly now
    Once in a while, but not regularly

[^1]:    ONever
    Once or twice
    Once or twice per week

