

County Drug & Alcohol

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a great way to gain insight on what is happening across domains or areas of the lives of students. The PAYS is an excellent springboard for community stakeholder participation in prevention planning, tailored to local level needs.

Also, PAYS data is aggregated at the group level to assure **anonymity** and **confidentiality** of youth responses.

It PAYS to Ask

- What is the prevalence rate of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by the youth in your area/county?
- What are the strengths of the youth in your communities?
- What risk and protective factors do youth in your community experience? Are your programs targeted to the right populations and problems?
- Do stakeholders understand prevention concepts and data from a public health perspective through data-driven decision-making?

It PAYS to Know

- Results can be used for prevention and program planning at the community and school district level.
- Results inform county prevention services plans.
- Results are helpful for effective grant writing and reporting.
- Results contribute to assessment and allocation
- Results show where community awareness and engagement are most needed. Results inform SAP targeted interventions.
- PAYS data assists in Drug Free Communities processes and reporting.

