

Parents & Caregivers

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is an excellent resource for helping parents and caregivers gain insight into what is happening in all areas of their child's life.

It PAYS to Ask

PAYS data can be used to help you find the answers to these questions.

- What is the prevalence rate of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by the youth in your community?
- What are the strengths within your family that can increase positive behaviors for youth?
- How do perceived parental attitudes, social beliefs and peer pressure affect your youths use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs?

It PAYS to Know

- Results include information on multiple factors contributing to parent and child relationships and communication such as:
 - Setting boundaries
 - Reinforcing consequences
 - Family conflict
 - Parental attitudes towards alcohol, tobacco and other drug use
 - Family attachment
- Helps communities and schools to select programs that enhance parent and child relationships.
- Helps parents become advocates for prevention in their communities.
- PAYS data helps your school to develop the right strategies to keep your child's (school) safety a priority.
- Results assist officials in your community and school district in choosing proper programs that address youth development and behaviors. It alleviates wasteful spending on issues that are not relevant and have no impact.