



Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition

Enhancing the Quality of Life in Jones County

Coalition Mission

Engaging our communities in efforts to reduce substance abuse through creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for youth and adults in Jones County.



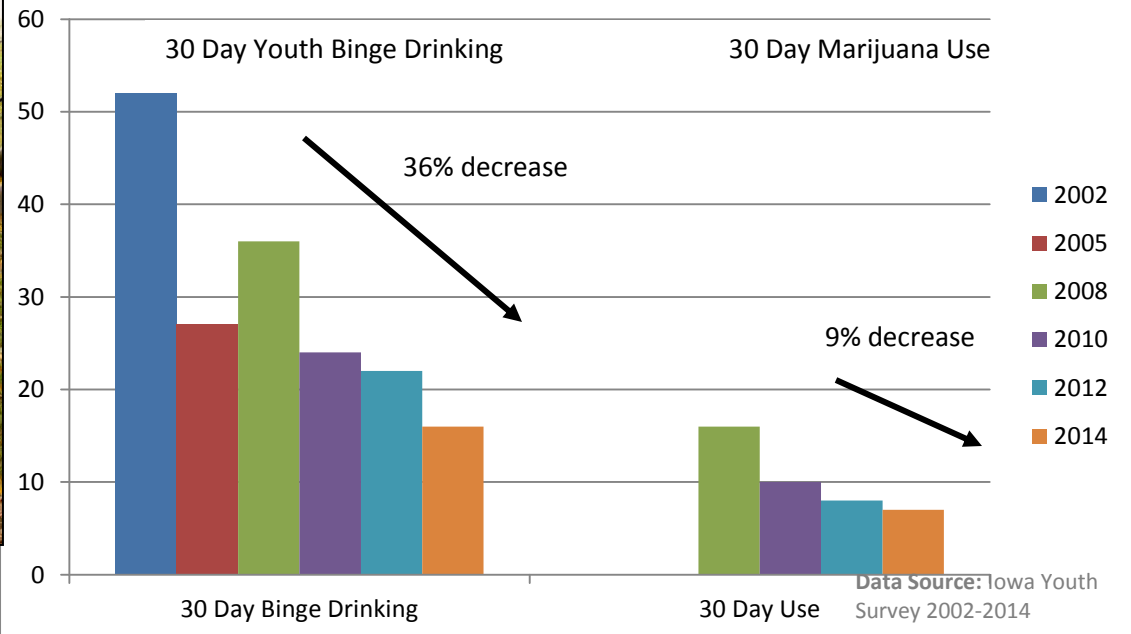
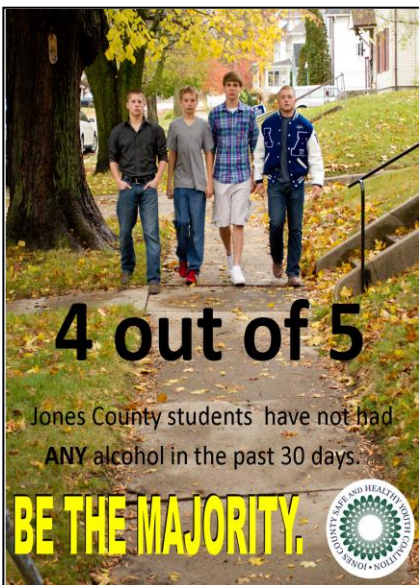
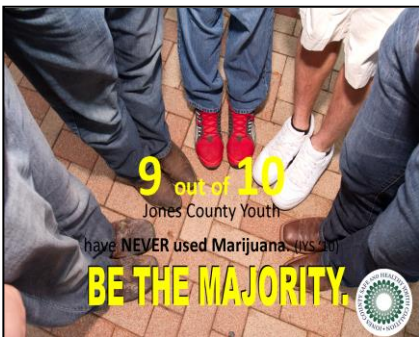
THE ISSUE

In response to tragedies and overwhelmingly high rates of underage drinking, the Jones County school districts began a project in 2004 that included community efforts to reduce underage drinking through coalition work.

Those efforts, which became the “Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition”, have contributed to the decrease in underage drinking and youth marijuana use in Jones County. In 2008, the Coalition expanded its focus beyond alcohol to include marijuana and other drugs.

A few of our accomplishments...

- The Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) shows that from 2002 to 2014, reported binge drinking among Jones County 11th graders dropped 36 percentage points (52% down to 16%)! **See chart below.**
- The IYS shows from 2008 to 2014, reported marijuana use among 11th graders dropped by 9 percentage points (from 16% to 7%)! **Chart is below.**
- Education and advocacy for youth to County officials aiding in the passage of the Social Host Ordinance and the Underage Consumption Ordinance!
- Worked with Jones County Sheriff’s Department to implement Responsible Beverage Service Training (TIPs), quarterly for “On” and “Off Premise” Businesses (Bars and Stores). Many communities are adopting an RBST ordinance.
- Worked with Monticello and Anamosa Police Departments to support, coordinate and increase alcohol compliance checks and rates in Jones Co.



Your help is needed!

Volunteer... Consider becoming involved in our Coalition efforts by joining us for our lunch at our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 and/or joining committees in areas of your expertise.

Donate...Securing funding for actions that are not covered by our grants or towards future efforts to reduce substance abuse is vital to our organization. In-kind donations of other items and services are also valuable to our work.

Support our partners...Many of our partners are doing prevention work every day through education and enforcement that help make our youth and community more safe and healthy.

Take a stand...Do what you can from where you are to support the goals of reducing substance abuse for youth and adults in Jones County.

Check out our website-

www.jonescountycoalition.org

Our facebook page- www.facebook.com/jcshycoalition

Stop into our office or call us at the contact information below!

In 2018, the Jones County Drug Free Community Grant will end. Unless we can secure county support through existing and new county partnerships, the gains we have seen in our county will be threatened. The Coalition is the only entity of adults and youth working on this issue looking at changing the culture/environment related to substance abuse.

Worker marijuana use is associated with more absences, tardiness, accidents, workers' comp claims & turnover. Those testing positive for marijuana had 55% more accidents, 85% more injuries & 75% more absenteeism. 2010-2011 National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Research Report Series

We need to see an increase in an employable workforce by continuing the work of reducing substance abuse in Jones County!

Funds are needed to support coordination of effective activities to reduce substance abuse. Without your help in raising funds for the coalition efforts, the momentum gained on reducing underage drinking and other drug use in our county will be lost.

Jones Co. Safe & Healthy Youth Coalition's Partners

- ★ All School Districts in the county
- ★ All 3 Law Enforcement Agencies
- ★ All 3 Newspaper/Media Outlets
- ★ Many churches throughout the county
- ★ Many other County entities
- ★ Parents, youth, and more!



Representatives from these organizations and other individuals work together to reduce underage drinking and other substance abuse.



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