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Welcome To The Elks Drug Quiz Show!

The Elks Drug Awareness Program has just rolled the Elks Drug Quiz Show out nationwide and needs your help to spread the word and share this new opportunity to serve the youth in your communities.

They invite you to learn more about their program by browsing their website. Should you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact them.

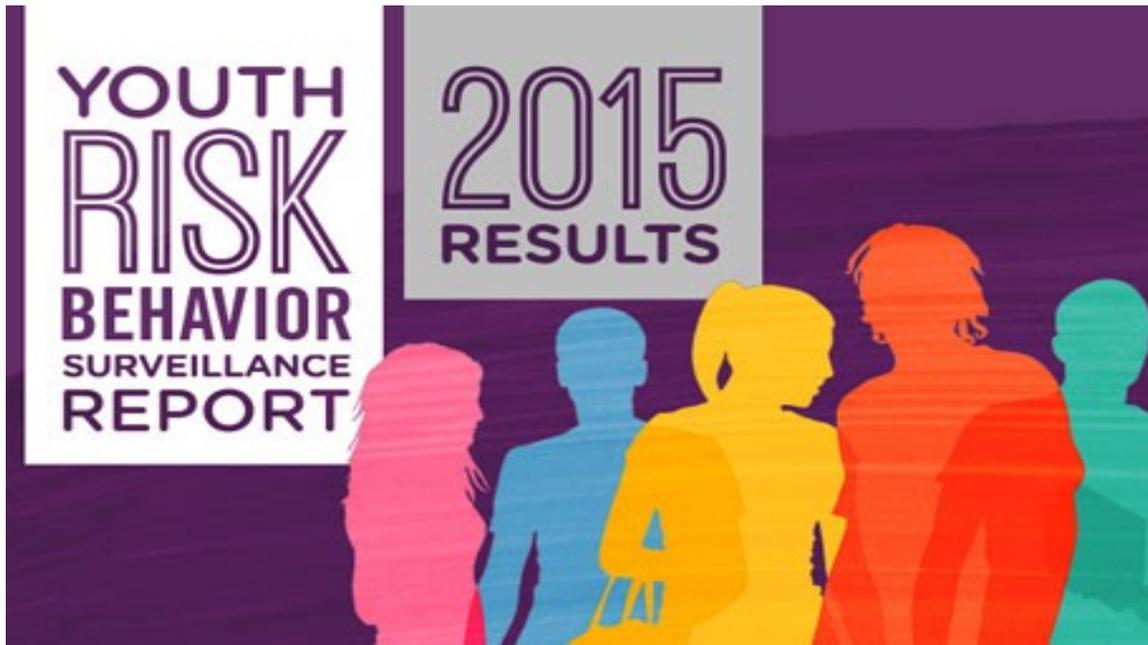
If you are an organization adviser, please take a moment to register. Once they have verified your information, you'll receive an email letting you know you've been approved to enter your special section of the site.

On subsequent visits, all you'll have to do is log-in by entering your email address and password.

This will give you access to study materials, information, and forms designed just for you.

Download and print any or all of these items at your convenience.

Register as a coach or promoter: elksdrugquizshow.com



CDC Releases the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

Cigarette smoking among high school students dropped to the lowest levels since the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) began in 1991, but the use of electronic vapor products, including e-cigarettes, among students poses new challenges according to the 2015 survey results.

Although current cigarette use decreased significantly from 28 percent in 1991 to 11 percent in 2015, new data from the 2015 survey found that 24 percent of high school students reported using e-cigarettes during the past 30 days.

The 2015 survey findings included questions on prescription drug use. One key finding was that prescription drug use among youth decreased from 20 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2015.

In addition, nationwide, 17 percent of students had taken prescription drugs (e.g., Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life.

"Health risk behaviors among youth vary over time and across the nation, making the YRBS an important tool to better understand youth. The YRBS helps us identify newly emerging behaviors and monitor long-standing youth risk behaviors over time," said Laura Kann, Ph.D., chief of CDC's School-Based Surveillance Branch. "While overall trends for the 2015 report are positive, the results highlight the continued need for improvements in reducing risks among teens."



To forge new ground in the fight against opioid use on campus, colleges are creating sober dorms, a practice that Rutgers University first developed in 1988.

Colleges use sober dorms to combat opioid epidemic

The opioid epidemic is increasing interest in college sober housing, PBS News Hour reports. Sober dorms offer substance-free housing and activities for students in recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Rutgers University in New Jersey pioneered the concept of sober housing in 1988, the article notes. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie signed legislation last year that requires all state college and universities to offer sober housing if at least one-quarter of students live on campus. Schools will have four years to comply.

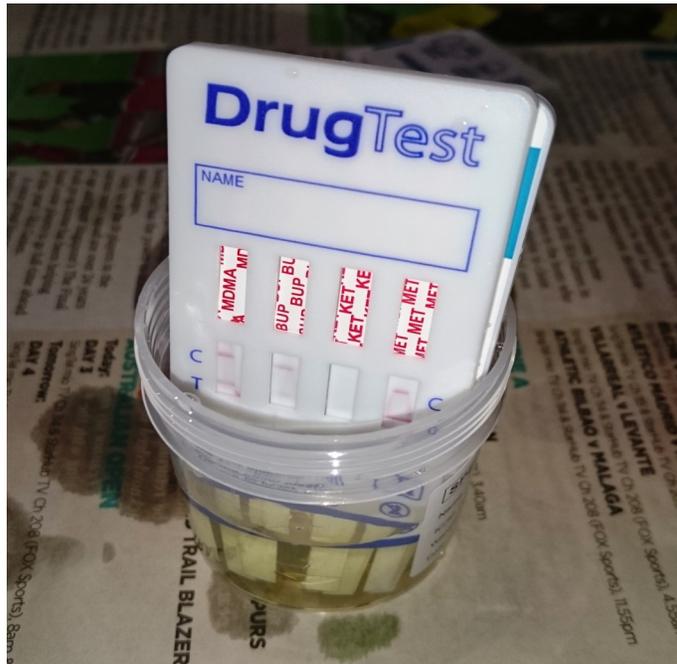
Texas Tech has had substance-free housing since 2011, while Oregon State University will offer sober housing this coming school year. The University of Vermont launched a recovery program in 2010, which includes sober housing.

Sober dorms are a “major new development in the recovery movement. They’re unique because they get to the heart of the beast,” said Dr. Robert DuPont, who heads the drug policy think tank the Institute for Behavior and Health, and served as White House Drug Chief from 1973 to 1977. In college, he said, “You’re surrounded by people who are using alcohol and drugs in addictive ways. Someone else is paying the bills and there’s no supervision.”

More than 35 percent of American college students say they have had more than five drinks in one sitting in the past two weeks, and 43 percent of college students say they have been drunk in the past month, the article notes. Daily marijuana use has more than tripled in the past 20 years among full-time college students.

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Drugs affecting job market

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Elks Drug Awareness Program

All over the country, employers are struggling to find workers who can pass a pre-employment drug test. The problem reflects a combination of growing drug use among adult Americans and companies doubling down on their efforts to maintain a safe and regulated workplace.

While part of the problem lies in finding qualified and reliable workers, drug use has become a growing factor in filling increasingly open jobs.

These trends affect some sectors more than others like public safety, manufacturing, construction and transportation.

Employers in these fields are not going to move away from pre-employment drug testing. If illicit drug use continues to become more prevalent, the problem will only continue to get worse.

This is why the Elks Drug Awareness Program strives to bring these issues to the public's awareness.

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Hiring Hurdle: Finding Workers Who Can Pass A Drug Test

By Jackie Calmes