

Comprehensive Data Collection Strategies

Regional Needs Assessment
Texas School Survey
Data Epidemiology Workgroups
Focus Groups
Assisting Regional Coalitions
College/University Partnerships



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PRC 5 Regional Data Strategies

Prevention programs now depend greatly on data collection and analysis to target resources where they are most needed. In the 15 counties that comprise the Region 5 Prevention Resource Center, data collection efforts are being greatly enhanced through new measures mandated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to assess regional needs through greater interaction with community partners.

During Fiscal Year 2014-15 and beyond, PRC Region 5 data collection and evaluation personnel will be working with school districts, colleges and universities, local employers, other state health human service agencies, and community groups to conduct surveys and other information-gathering strategies.

More Information is ALWAYS Better

Information is vitally important to the decision-making process. Knowing where problems exist is crucial.

Over 18 million Americans currently use marijuana.

Alcohol is a poison that is depositing harmful toxins into the body. A teenager's physical, emotional, and social make-up is different from an adult's and the shock of introducing alcohol to an adolescence can have a devastating and deadly effect.

Marijuana is the second leading substance for which people seek treatment.

From cocaine to meth to marijuana, the abuse of these substances can have a devastating impact on the community.

Driving within three hours of smoking marijuana doubles the risk of being injured or killed in an accident.

**PREVENTION
WORKS!**

It's all About Reducing the Risk and Increasing Protection

Especially in regard to young people, when the adolescent brain is at risk of being "hard-wired" with addictive behavioral patterns, it is critical to learn what known risk factors are present in a community. By better understanding the "where" and "how much" of risk factors such as underage drinking and drug abuse, the community can better equip itself to reduce those factors and increase protective ones.

Visit PRC 5 Online for Data Updates

The Region 5 PRC is the designated clearinghouse for accessing the latest ongoing surveys, the results of completed surveys, and other up-to-date data collection efforts, as well as postings for regional prevention training. You can contact us via the web at www.prc5.org, toll-free at 1-800-445-8562, or email kbartel@adacdet.org to support data initiatives in your area.