



Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Glenview Northbrook Coalition for Youth (GNCY) is conducting a survey of parents of 6th – 12th graders. This survey will allow GNCY to learn more about parents' beliefs and perceptions regarding youth alcohol and drug use in our community. With the results, we will be able to tailor programs and materials to address the most pressing needs of the community.

This survey is anonymous. However, if you would prefer to complete the survey on paper, please mail it to: Glenview Northbrook Coalition for Youth, 3801 West Lake Street, Glenview, IL 60026.

If you have any questions please reach out to Penni Raphaelson, Coalition Coordinator at gncy.coordinator@gmail.com.

Thank you for your honest and thoughtful feedback. Together we can impact our community.

1. Do you currently have children in grades 6-12th?

- No (Please do not complete the rest of the survey)
 Yes

2. Which grade is your oldest child in?

Mark only one.

- 6th Grade
 7th Grade
 8th Grade
 9th Grade
 10th Grade
 11th Grade
 12th Grade

Perceptions

This section asks you for your perception in the community. Please think about your oldest child in 6th – 12th grade when answering these questions.

3. What percent of students at your child's school do you think have had beer, wine or hard liquor in the past 30 days?

- 0%
- 1-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%

4. What percent of students at your child's school do you think have used marijuana in the past 30 days?

- 0%
- 1-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%

5. If your child wanted to get some beer, wine or hard liquor (e.g. vodka, whiskey, or gin) how easy do you think it would be for them to get it?

- Very Hard
- Sort of Hard
- Sort of Easy
- Very Easy

6. If your child wanted to get some marijuana, how easy do you think it would be for them to get some?

- Very Hard
- Sort of Hard
- Sort of Easy
- Very Easy

7. If your child wanted to get prescription drugs not prescribed to them, how easy do you think it would be for them to get some?

- Very Hard
- Sort of Hard
- Sort of Easy
- Very Easy

8. If your child wanted to get alcohol, where and how often do you think they could get beer, wine or liquor from the following sources.

Mark one per row.

	Often	Sometimes	Never
A gas station or store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bar or restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A stranger bought it for them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their older brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents WITH permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents WITHOUT permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An adult (other than their parents) WITH permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An adult (other than their parents) WITHOUT permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Took it from a store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At a party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. If your child was to get marijuana, where and how often do you think they could get it from the following sources.

	Often	Sometimes	Never
A friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents WITH permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents WITHOUT permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their older brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bought it from someone who sells drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An adult (other than their parents) WITH permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Took it from someone else's home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At a party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. What percentage of parents at your child's school do you think knowingly allow their children to attend parties where alcohol is being served?

- 0-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%

11. What percentage of parents at your child's school do you think knowingly allow their children to attend parties where marijuana use occurs?

- 0-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%

12. What percentage of parents at your child's school do you think want to be called by other parents if they are hosting a gathering of students to make sure a parent will be home and that their child has permission for the gathering?

- 0-10%
- 11-20%
- 21-30%
- 31-40%
- 41-50%
- 51-60%
- 61-70%
- 71-80%
- 81-90%
- 91-100%

Communication

This section will ask about your communication with you child. Please think about your oldest child in 6th – 12th grade when answering these questions.

13. In the past year have you talked to your child about NOT using the following:

Mark one per row.

	Yes	No	Don't remember
Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prescription Drugs not prescribed to them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Have you communicated your family's guidelines and expectations around youth alcohol and drug use to your child?

- No
- Yes

15. Which of the following comes closest to your rule for your child about drinking alcoholic beverages?

- I do not allow my child to drink.
- I allow my child to drink a few sips at religious ceremonies or on special occasions.
- I sometimes allow my child to have a drink when only family is present.
- I sometimes allow my child to drink with friends when an adult is present to supervise.
- I allow my child to drink with friends, even when an adult is not present.
- I do not have rules for my child about drinking alcoholic beverages.
- Other: _____

16. During the past 30 days, have you talked to your child about the potential negative consequences associated with underage alcohol use?

- No
- Yes

17. During the past 30 days, have you talked with your child about the potential negative consequences associated with using marijuana?

- No
- Yes

18. During the past 30 days, have you talked with your child about the potential negative consequences associated with using prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them?

- No
- Yes

19. In the past year, have you talked with your child about not drinking and driving or riding with a drunk driver?

- No
- Yes

20. In the past year, have you talked with your child about no using marijuana and driving or riding with a driver who has been using marijuana?

- No
- Yes

21. What I say has little influence on whether my child uses alcohol or drugs.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- No opinion
- Agree
- Strongly agree

22. Which of the following strategies, if any, have you and your child discussed about how to protect themselves in an unsafe situation? (select all that apply)

- A verbal or written contract with your child not to ride in any vehicle driven by someone who has been drinking.
- A verbal or written contract with your child to limit the use of alcohol or drugs.
- A verbal or written contract with your child that prohibits any alcohol or drug use.
- Call or text message code work/way to get picked up without having to explain.
- Ways to say "no".
- We have not discussed any strategies.
- Other: _____

23. Have you ever talked with parents of your child's close friends to share and compare parental philosophies and standards regarding alcohol and drugs?

- No
- Yes

Attitudes and Beliefs

This section asks about your attitudes and beliefs regarding youth drug and alcohol use. Please think about your oldest child in 6th – 12th grade as you answer these questions.

24. How wrong do your kids think it is for someone their age to:

	Very Wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
Drink beer, wine or hard liquor regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke marijuana?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. How wrong do you feel it would be for your child to:

	Very Wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor regularly (at least once or twice a month)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly everyday?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke marijuana?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Which of the following statements best represents your own belief about underage alcohol use?

- Youth drinking is never a good thing.
- Occasional youth drinking under supervision of his/her own parents is OK.
- Occasional youth drinking under supervision of a friend's parents is OK.
- Occasional youth drinking without adult supervision is OK as long as there is no driving involved.
- Any type of youth drinking is okay.

27. Which of the following statements best represents your own belief about youth marijuana use?

- Youth marijuana use is never a good thing.
- Occasional youth marijuana use under supervision of his/her own parents is OK.
- Occasional youth marijuana use under supervision of a friend's parents is OK.
- Occasional youth marijuana use without adult supervision is OK as long as there is not driving involved.
- Any type of youth marijuana use is okay.

28. How much do you think someone your child's age risks harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate risk	Great risk
Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly everyday?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke marijuana once or twice a week?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Agree	Disagree
It's okay to allow alcohol use at home as long as it is responsible and not excessive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It's okay to allow marijuana use at home as long as it is responsible and not excessive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is important to prepare youth for college by teaching them to drink responsibly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As long as teens keys are taken away, it is okay for them to drink at a party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. What is the main reason you think some parents may allow their and other children to drink alcohol in their homes? (select all that apply)

So youth don't drink and drive

So the drinking is supervised

So the youth don't get arrested

To teach youth to drink responsibly

Other: _____

Behaviors

This section asks about your behaviors related to youth alcohol and drug use. Remember, this survey is completely anonymous.

31. When your child is not home you know where they are and who they are with.

- Never
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

32. In a typical week how often do you eat dinner with your child(ren)?

- Never
- 1 Day
- 2 Days
- 3 Days
- 4 Days
- 5 Days
- 6 Days
- 7 Days

33. I would like other parents to call me to see if I will be home if their child is coming to my home for a social gathering.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- No opinion
- Agree
- Strongly agree

34. How often do you call other parents to make sure they will be home before you allow your child to go to their house for a social gathering?

- I do not allow my child to go to social gatherings
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All of the time

35. How often do you knowingly allow your child to attend parties where underage drinking occurs?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All of the time

36. How often do you knowingly allow your child to attend parties where marijuana use occurs?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All of the time

37. If you became aware that another parent of a student at your child's school was allowing teens (other than your own child) to drink alcohol at their home, what action would you take? (select all that apply)

- I wouldn't take any action
- I would call the police
- I would call someone at my child's school
- I would call and talk to the parent
- I would prohibit my child from going to that house
- Other: _____

38. Do you actively monitor or take stock of any alcohol present in your home?

- N/A – there is no alcohol in my home
- Yes
- No

39. Do you secure or lock-up any alcohol present in your home?

- N/A – there is no alcohol in my home
- Yes
- No

40. Do you actively monitor or take stock of any prescription medications in your home?

- N/A – there are no prescription medications in my home
- Yes
- No

41. Do you secure or lock-up prescription medications in your home?

- N/A – there are no prescription medications in my home
- Yes
- No

42. How often do you allow your child to have friends over when you are not at home?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

43. If my child has friends over to my house, I monitor their activities by doing things like walking through the area in which they are congregating and visually assessing for signs of substance use...

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

44. If my child is out with friends, I require them to tell me with whom and where they will be...

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

45. If my child is out with friends, I check-in with them by phone or text message at least one time while they are out...

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

46. When my child comes home from being out with friends, I visually assess them for signs of substance use (e.g. bloodshot eyes, pupil dilation, coherence of speech, physical coordination, odor)...

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

47. When my child comes home from being out with friends, I engage them in a conversation to learn about their activities...

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- All the time

Final Questions

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. By completing the survey you are helping make a difference in the community.

48. How much do you feel you know about the following:

	Nothing	Minimal	A fair amount	Expert
Effects of alcohol on adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effects of marijuana on adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effects of prescription drugs on adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources for helping adolescents who have an addiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources to talk to your teen about drugs or alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

49. What are some effective ways/places to reach parents like you with prevention messages?

- Bank, grocery store or convenience store
- Cable television
- Church, Mosque or Synagogue
- Doctor's office
- Civic clubs/organizations
- Facebook or Twitter
- Metra station
- Newspaper (online)
- Newspaper (print)
- Glenview/Northbrook Patch
- Parent newsletter from school
- Radio
- School website
- Parent Teacher Organizations
- Take-out restaurant
- Other: _____

50. Which elementary region do you live in?

- Northbrook School District 27
- Northbrook District 28
- Northbrook/Glenview School District 30
- West Northfield School District 31
- Glenview School District 34

51. Please share any additional thoughts you have regarding youth substance use in the community. (Remember that all answers are confidential).

52. How honest were you in filling out this survey?

- I was very honest
- I was honest most of the time
- I was honest some of the time
- I was honest once in a while
- I was not honest at all