Sample executive summary

[school name]: Executive Summary

On January 4, a diverse group of 18 seventh and eighth grade students gathered to examine their school's NM-YRRS data for assets already present in the community and start the process of thinking about action steps to address areas of concern. This is an executive summary of their analysis.

AREAS OF STRENGTH

3% of students binge drank (5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row) in the past 30 days (97% of students did NOT binge drink in the past 30 days)

94% of students think it would be wrong or very wrong for someone their age to smoke marijuana

95% of students reported they wear seatbelts while riding in a car

AREAS OF CONCERN

16% of students have seriously thought about suicide

Root Causes:

- Home life: divorce, abuse, substance abuse issues
- School: bullying, stress, lack of coping skills
- Personal: unorganized, lack of confidence, mental health

Proposed Action Steps:

- Create support groups with students and guidance department
- Develop awareness campaign of the warning signs – advertisements, announcements, announcements
- Share resources with the community through partnering with the Parent-Teacher Organization

43% of students were in a room with someone who was smoking cigarettes in the last 7 days

Root Causes:

- Not wanting to offend the smoker
- Not knowing how to ask them politely not to smoke
- Unaware of the affects of secondhand smoke

Proposed Action Steps:

- Hand out informational flyers at sporting events and school concerts
- Talk to local storeowners about placing a pledge/ promise sheet in stores where people can sign, pledging not to smoke around children in the car and at home.

51% of students have reported ever being in a physical fight

Root Causes:

- Anger issues
- Lack of supervision
- Issues at home
- Depression

Proposed Action Steps:

- Increased supervision in the halls
- Have teachers and the guidance staff have "check ins" with students to provide students with a place to talk about what's going on in their lives

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