

# SCCUDD Monthly Memo

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## SCCUDD Develops Coalition Marijuana Stance

At the Coalition Meeting on May 10, SCCUDD developed a formal stance on marijuana. After an in-depth discussion, SCCUDD developed the following stance: **Regardless of what happens with state and federal laws, SCCUDD's goal is to prevent, reduce, and delay the onset of marijuana use among Schuyler County youth.**

In developing the marijuana stance, SCCUDD members considered the current state and federal laws relating to marijuana, youth use of marijuana in Schuyler County, and the varying opinions of SCCUDD members in terms of medical and recreational marijuana legalization. The Coalition also considered the perceptions and opinions of the overall community.

In Schuyler County, 1 in 5 students in Grades 7 through 12 have tried marijuana at some point in their life and 11.2% currently use marijuana. On average, teens in Schuyler County begin using marijuana before they are 14 years old.

In SCCUDD's recent Community Survey, the majority of community adults surveyed feel that youth should never use marijuana (69.43%) or that youth should not use marijuana until they are 21 (18.47%). The survey also found that a larger portion of community adults would oppose a law to legalize recreational marijuana use (46%) than would support it (30.67%). Surveyed adults also felt strongly that recreational marijuana use, if legalized, should have purchase age restrictions of 21 (65.33%) or 18 (24.67%).

Coalition members had a variety of opinions related to medical and recreational marijuana legalization ranging from wanting no medical or recreational marijuana legalization to wanting recreational marijuana use legalized for adults.

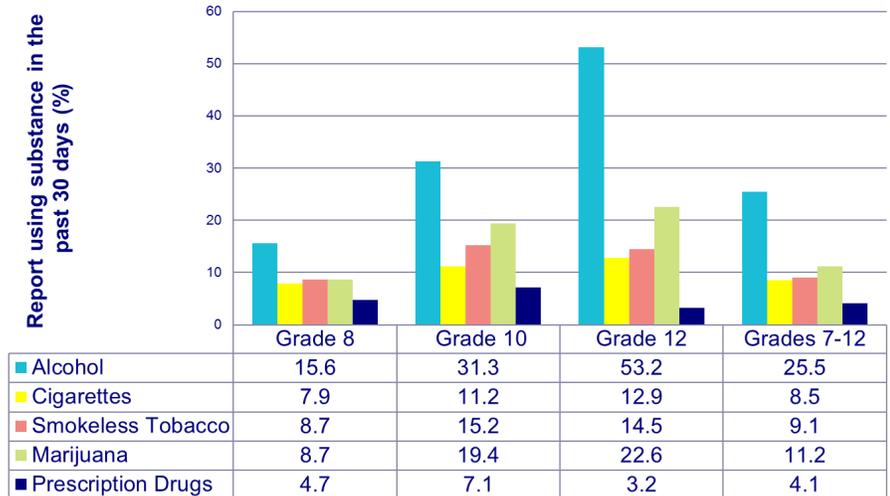
## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting	Location	Date	Time
Coalition Meeting	Shared Services Building Conference Room	Jul 19	3 pm

### Subcommittees:

• <b>Alcohol</b>	FLACRA	Jun 14	2 pm
• <b>Parent</b>	WG Library	Jul 26	3 pm
• <b>THC</b>	FLACRA	Jun 17	10 am
• <b>Tobacco</b>	Public Health	Jul 5	9 am

## Current Youth Substance Use



**Above:** Results from the 2015 Schuyler County Communities That Care Youth Survey. Percentages (%) represent students who reported use of each substance in the 30 days before the survey.



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## Shining Star Recognition Awarded to the Watkins Glen Review & Express



In May, SCCUDD presented a Shining Star Recognition Award to the Watkins Glen Review & Express. They received this award due to their commitment to the community.

The Watkins Glen Review & Express has consistently published articles to help raise community awareness of the substance use issues facing youth in the region. They have also been a regular attendee at SCCUDD events such as the community forums about methamphetamine, heroin, and underage alcohol use.

On behalf of the Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs (SCCUDD) Executive Board, staff, and volunteers, we thank the Watkins Glen Review & Express for their efforts in making the community a healthier and safer place.

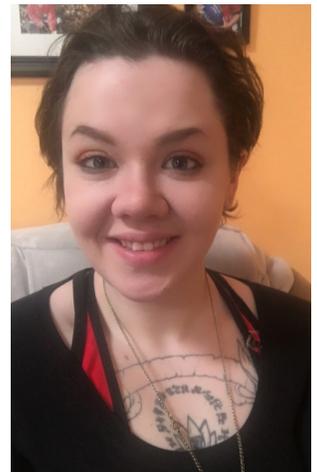
### Upcoming activities and events



- SCCUDD will be presenting at the first annual Health and Wellness Fair organized by Cayuga Health System and the Chamber of Commerce
- Youth-designed prevention activities
- Upstate New York Poison Center will be providing a presentation on inhalants at the next Coalition meeting (July 19)
- And much more!

### Meet a Member: get to know people in SCCUDD

- Name: Veronica Mintegui
- Occupation: Student
- Why did you decide to join SCCUDD: I've seen a lot of people lose a lot to drugs and alcohol, I have children growing up in this community and I want to help make it a safe place.
- Hobbies: Painting and digital art
- Favorite food: Thai Food
- Do you have any pets: Two dogs named Scully and Mulder
- What is one interesting thing people should know about you: I have a college degree in Fine Arts and Design but have gone back to school for Human Services to become a Drug and Alcohol Counselor.



Sources:  
2015 Schuyler County Communities That Care Youth Survey  
2016 Schuyler County Community Survey

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