

DID YOU KNOW?

According to Emerson Hospital's latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey of over twenty-five hundred students...

- 32% of the high school students drank alcohol during the past 30 days
- 25% of middle school students were bullied in school
- 4% of respondents in grades 8-12 have been hurt physically or sexually on a date or in a relationship
- 27% of high school students report having ever used marijuana
- 11% of students in grades 8-12 seriously thought about suicide during the past 12 months
- 10% of all respondents reported intentionally hurting themselves during the prior 12 months
- 27% of high school students have attended parties held in homes where alcohol use by teens was allowed



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OUR RESPONSE

The Acton Boxborough Coalition for Healthy Youth serves our communities by our work in three key areas of risky youth behavior:

- Adolescent Substance Abuse
- Youth Violence
- Mental Health and Wellness

Because no one organization can provide the solution for every need, our member organizations have come together to assess specific needs of adolescents, to empower them to prevent risky behaviors, and to find appropriate resolutions, including treatment options when necessary.

By using a collaborative approach, we can share our resources and expertise to find answers for individuals and for the community at large.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Acton-Boxborough Coalition for Healthy Youth is to unite, empower, and mobilize the community to promote positive youth development and prevent risky behaviors in adolescents.

VISION STATEMENT

The ABCHY strives to create a coordinated network of youth service providers and community organizations that can expand services and prevention efforts to foster the health and wellness of all Acton-Boxborough youth. It is the goal of the ABCHY to ensure that our youth are valued, respected, and supported in their efforts to become caring and responsible adults who will ultimately thrive in the community.



Representatives from the nine organizations that founded ABCHY comprise our Board of Directors.

- Acton Board of Health
- Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
- Acton Recreation Department
- Community Alliance for Youth (CAFY)
- Danny's Place Youth Services
- Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN)
(including Network for Women's Lives)
- Eliot Community Human Services, Inc.
- REACH Beyond Domestic Violence

