



# 2021 Annual Report

WARWICK VALLEY  
prevention  
coalition

*Encouraging Wise & Healthy Choices.*

## WHO WE ARE:

Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition (WVPC) is a group of concerned citizens working to engage parents, youth and community partners in reducing the use of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs amongst minors in Warwick using evidence-based and promising practices and environmental strategies.

**Our Mission:** To encourage the Warwick Community residents to prevent substance use by creating a safer and healthier community.

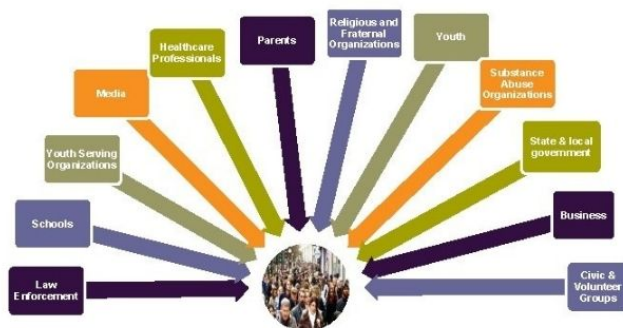
## Three Goals:

1. Increase community participation & collaboration.
2. Reduce youth substance use.
3. Support prevention efforts in the school district by focusing on healthy lifestyle choices & skills.

WVPC is funded by the CDC's Drug Free Communities grant. The coalition has been a presence in the community since 2009.

What is a DFC Coalition?

The 12 Community Sectors



Our coalition utilizes the Strategic Prevention Frame Work process to develop an action plan for the priority substances and misuse of prescription drugs. The plan is based on CADCA's 7 Strategies for Community Change which involves 1) Assessment 2) Capacity Building 3) Planning 4) Implementation 5) Evaluation. Following these steps has led to positive important changes in communities across orange county and New York as a whole. Our community assessment has shed a light on local conditions contributing to underage drinking and substance misuse here in Warwick.

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**Warwick NY 10990**  
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# Youth Substance Use Rates: Past 30 Day Use



## ***Middle School (8th)***

Alcohol - 8.6%  
Tobacco/ Vaping - 6.1%  
Marijuana -1.5%  
Prescription Drugs - .5%

## ***High School (10th & 12th)***

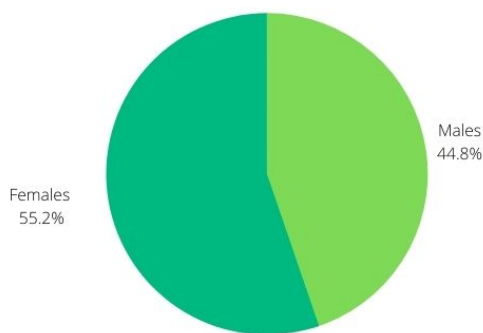
Alcohol- 54.9%  
Tobacco/ Vaping - 40.3%  
Marijuana- 33.1%  
Prescription Drugs- 4.9%

2021 Pride Survey Results

## **AVAILABILITY & FAVORABLE ATTITUDES:**

**Warwick students reported alcohol is easy to get, 49% say they drink at home.  
A youth focus group reported that 9 out of 13 youth say its very easy to get  
alcohol & other drugs in our community.**

Annual Marijuana use by Gender



54% of High Schoolers believe there is no risk to smoking marijuana 1-2x a week.



## **What We've accomplished in 2021**



1. National Drug Take Back Day in April 105lbs collected
2. HS SADD Club Escape The Vape Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser - 40 teams, \$225 Raised
3. Free Narcan Trainings for the community
4. Multiple PSA's Created
5. Red Ribbon Week Campaigns w/ the schools
6. Virtual Hidden Mischief Training
7. National Night out with Warwick PD
8. Trunk or Treat Event- Raising \$3,000 for the school clubs & coalition







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## WHAT'S NEXT:

Continue working with the schools and youth coalition to support and educate youth about substance prevention. Educate community members about the new marijuana laws. Place Naloxone boxes in Warwick and surrounding towns.

**Virtual Hidden Mischief Training January 19th 6:30pm. Marijuana Discussion Forum in March. National Drug Take Back Day in April.** Create healthier alcohol free community family friendly events.

### DO We Have Challenges? YES!

- Encourage residents to address high risk alcohol use in Warwick where alcohol use is a wide spread social norm.
- Engaging the community to develop a shared understand about the primary work of prevention and its importance.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS  
4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
FROM 6:30PM-7:30PM**

*You're Invited!*

### Coalition Staff

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