



when our **children succeed**
the community succeeds

LEADERS UNITED for CHILDREN



ROUNDTABLE OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

The Roundtable of St. Lucie County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization comprised of 27 community agencies working together with partners and stakeholders throughout the community to address the issues our children face at the root level. Its members are leaders of all aspects of society who come together to build a community of opportunity where every child succeeds.

The Roundtable operates through networks, each of which focuses on one key aspect that affects the lives of our children.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION NETWORK

The Roundtable's Substance Abuse Prevention Network focuses on preventing underage drinking and substance abuse through education, awareness, community-wide initiatives and changing social norms.

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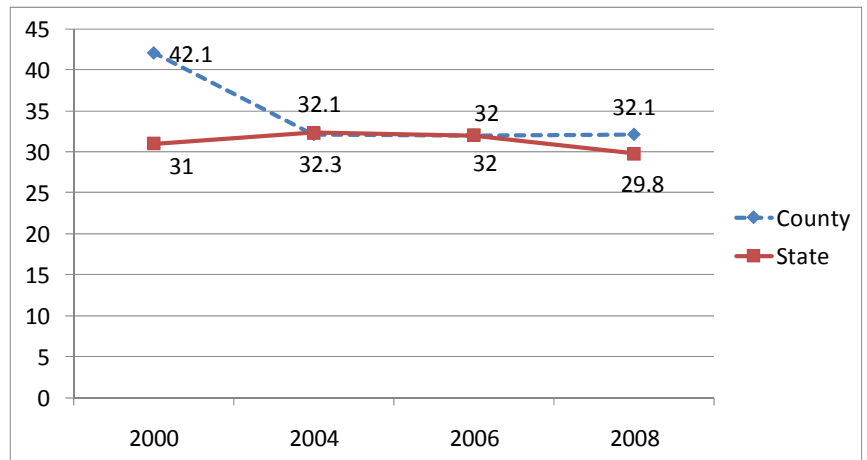
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The good news is that most of St. Lucie County youth are **not drinking alcohol or doing drugs!** Keeping youth from abusing drugs and alcohol can save lives...especially when it comes to risky behavior and its consequences. A recent study shows that underage drinking in St. Lucie costs over **\$37 million per year.**

GOALS & OUTCOMES

Reduce use of alcohol by youth by 30% by 2014

Use of Alcohol Past 30 Days



Source for all Graphs : Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

32% of students in St. Lucie County have had a drink of alcohol in the past 30 days.

Over 17% of students reported binge drinking (having 5 or more drinks in one setting) in the past 30 days.

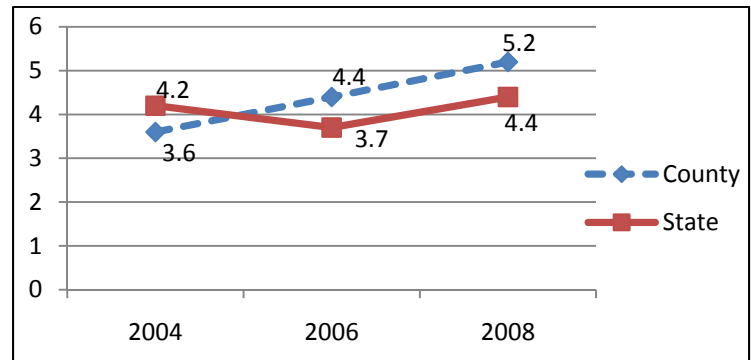
Almost 13% of students reported being drunk or high at school in the past year.

Underage drinking can have serious consequences:

- Youth who use alcohol are more likely to be sexually active at an earlier age.
- Youth who drink are more likely to have problems with school work such as lower grades, absenteeism, and dropping out.
- Youth who drink are more likely to be victims of rape, assault, and robbery.

Reduce use of drugs by youth by 35% by 2014

Use of Drugs Among Teens Past 30 Days



STRATEGIES

SUCSESSES:

- **Developed a Community Action Plan** which has generated state and federal funding for underage drinking prevention.
- **Held a Town Hall meeting** for approximately 40 people which generated a radio spot and several newspaper articles.
- **Produced and ran a 30-second TV spot** on underage drinking in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club, DLF Media, and the Law Offices of Evan Fetterman to raise awareness.

IN PROCESS:

- **Educate parents and the community** on the consequences of underage drinking and how to raise drug-free kids.
- **Training teens and empowering youth** on how to advocate for policy change.
- **Developing a second Community Action Plan** to address drinking and driving among youth.