



Communities That Care of Greater Downingtown Community Assessment Report - October 2016

Communities that Care has reviewed the 2015 PAYS summary and has prioritized the following Risk and Protective factors for community attention:

RISK FACTORS

- Parental Attitudes favorable towards anti-social behaviors – in families where illegal drugs are used and where parents are heavy users of alcohol, children are more likely to become drug abusers during adolescence. (41% of youth are at-risk)
- Low commitment to school – surveys of high school seniors have shown that the use of drugs is significantly lower among students who expect to attend college than among those who do not. (38% of youth are at-risk)
- Perceived risk of drug use – young people who do not perceive drug use to be risky are far more likely to engage in drug use. (37% of youth are at-risk)

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Religiosity – young people who regularly attend religious services are less likely to engage in problem behaviors. (45% of youth are protected)
- Community opportunities/rewards for pro-social involvement – opportunities and rewards for positive participation in activities help youth bond to the community, thus lowering their risk for substance abuse. (47% of youth are protected)

NEXT STEPS

Communities that Care of Greater Downingtown will continue to follow the CTC process of bringing together all sectors of the community in a collaborative effort to address the problem behaviors of our youth. We will continually search for resources/programs that specifically address the risks as outlined above in the hopes of reducing these percentages.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join the CTC! Membership is free and open to the public. Coalition members act as stewards and protectors of the CTC mission and vision. The Board of Advisors monitor and oversee fiscal obligations, long and short term strategic planning, goals and objectives as well as fund raising and maintaining sustainability of the CTC. Join us at one of our next monthly meetings – held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Locations vary and can be found on the CTC website at: www.dtownctc.org. CTC of Greater Downingtown accepts tax-deductible donations. Please contact us to discuss donation/sponsorship opportunities. Big or small, your donations will go a long way in providing prevention to youth across this community. For additional information and to support our effort, please contact:

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Our Mission is to empower youth to make positive choices to reach their full potential. Our Vision is a thriving community where youth are making positive choices and are achieving their goals