

Partnerships for Success



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Needs Assessment Report Work Group I Gauga County, Ohio

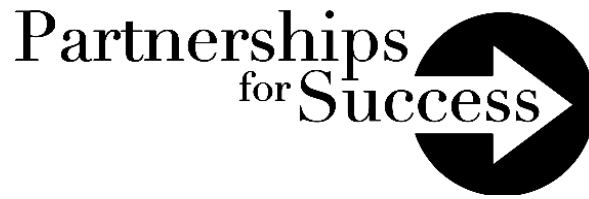
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Partnerships for Success - Geauga County, Ohio Needs Assessment Report

Focus Groups Report

Definitions used for purposes of Focus Groups:

Barriers to School Success. Includes safety, parent involvement, reading skills, and school resources.

Delinquency. Law breaking that results in a Juvenile Court Appearance such as theft, unruly behavior, assault.

Emotional & Mental Health Development. Issues such as suicide, depression, and self injury.

Substance Abuse. Includes use of alcohol, drugs (illegal or prescription abuse), inhalants, or other gateway substances such as tobacco and caffeine overuse.

Teen Pregnancy. Behaviors that lead to pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease (STD) and/or related sexuality issues.

Youth Violence. Includes gang violence, bullying, child abuse, date rape.

Ranking:

A total of 177 individuals participated in 20 different focus group gatherings held over a month-long period. These sessions were led by a volunteer facilitator and documented and summarized by a volunteer scribe or PfS committee members or assistants. There were 77 adults (including mental health professionals, education professionals, community members and parents) and 100 youth (middle school and high school age.) The following rankings represent each individual's choice of the priority issue facing youth.

Total Ranking

(Youth and adult responses combined)

- 1) Substance Abuse
- 2) Emotional & Mental Health Development
- 3) Barriers to School Success
- 4) Teen Pregnancy
- 5) Delinquency
- 6) Youth Violence

Note: 26 adult respondents went outside the list of 6 Targeted Impacts to state Parenting Issues as the greatest concern. This would rank #3 in the above list.

Ranking-Adults Only

- 1) Emotional & Mental Health Development
- 2) Barriers to School Success
- 3) Substance Abuse
- 4) Delinquency
- 5T) Youth Violence
- 5T) Teen Pregnancy

Ranking-Youth Only

- 1) Substance Abuse
- 2) Emotional & Mental Health Development
- 3) Teen Pregnancy
- 4) Delinquency
- 5T) Youth Violence
- 5T) Barriers to School Success

Commentary:

The following points are those found most often or had multiple similar responses across focus groups.

Targeted Impacts

- The age of onset of the vast majority of concerns noted ranged from grade 5 to 8, and most of the problems grow as kids get older.
- Marijuana was mentioned as the drug of choice most often. Alcohol was second.
- Many comments included parent apathy, lack of supervision and parenting skills, and not caring for or paying enough attention to children.
- Youth attribute impacts including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, violence and delinquency to boredom, lack of interests and activities.
- Societal issues were common contributors noted: Materialism, media influence, and little attention to emotional needs vs. physical ones.
- Mental health issues most often directly mentioned surrounded stress issues, no one to talk to about problems, pressures at school and home.
- Depression was the mental health issue discussed the most. Many felt that self injury is a growing concern.
- Mental health issues were linked to alcohol use and sexual acting out.
- Mental health issues are felt to be growing because they are not accepted or understood in the society (by the community, parents, families or schools.)
- School personnel apathy, unresponsiveness to student problems, “knowing what’s going on and not doing anything about it.”
- Several females in the youth groups feel the pregnancy prevention education is working, but that it needs to continue at older ages and needs to be focused equally on males.
- Bullying was mentioned in most (approx. 75%) of violence commentary.
- All impacts were associated at some point with a lack of parent and school standard, values, boundaries.

Protective Factors-Personal

- Having clear limits and expectations, developing a strong moral compass
- Hope
- Many comments focused on success, self-worth and accomplishment - both on the opportunity for these things and recognition of them
- Good friends, positive peer environment
- Keeping busy/structured activities
- Religious/spiritual foundation
- Someone to look up to, mentors

- Having personal goals, understanding the future impact of risky behavior, understanding what's really important in life.
- Someone to talk to/ trust.
- Social skills: manners and respect, communication, conflict resolution

Protective Factors-External/Community

The first two items in this list are the highest ranking and together, dwarfed all other community factors/programs mentioned.

- Availability of sports teams, clubs, art and music programs, after-school and summer activities.
- A place to go: Some kind of community center for all ages, open during the unsupervised time after school, in summer, on weekends.
- Mentoring programs, role models.
- Youth volunteer / internship / vocational programs.
- Church youth groups and religious institutions becoming more involved in the community in general.
- Community participation, programs, welcoming youth in libraries, parks, youth friendly establishments.
- Better access to, knowledge of and transportation to programs and activities, and the financial resources to attend.
- Parent education, awareness and training.
- Positive relationships with school guidance counselors and teachers.
- Positive involvement and communication between school, parent, doctors, coaches, community.
- Availability of partial hospitalization programs for those on the verge of serious issues.

Geauga Community Impact Youth Report

*Selected Findings Related to Youth from Geauga County Household Survey, conducted by MCS Consulting Service * Fall 2004*

A county-wide **household survey** was conducted and analyzed by Geauga Community Impact (GCI). GCI partners include United Way Services of Geauga County, Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services, Geauga County Department of Aging, Geauga County Family First Council and Geauga County Job and Family Services. These organizations have joined together, obtaining the services of a research consultant, Marlene Stoiber, to assess community needs and to develop an action plan to address those needs. The percentages reported in the GCI survey are based on a weighted sample of adults and households responding.

Assets of Community Life:

- **Community Strength.** Based on their personal experience, forty-four percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County strongly or somewhat agreed that people in Geauga County are prepared to address youth problem behaviors as they arise. However, a significant share (32 percent) of the adults surveyed strongly or somewhat disagreed with the statement and 22 percent had no opinion.
- **Volunteering.** Thirty-nine percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County regularly do volunteer work in the County. Fifty-eight percent do not volunteer regularly. Sixteen percent volunteer for school.

Challenges/Issues:

- **Family Issues**
 - **Challenge/Issue: Affording child care:** Thirty-five percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that affording child care is a serious issue in the County. Six percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
 - **Challenge/Issue: Family violence, abuse of children or adults:** Seventeen percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that family violence and abuse of children or adults is a serious issue in the county. However, only one percent of households in the county report having experienced family violence and abuse of children or adults.
- **Safety Issues**
 - **Challenge/Issue: Unsafe school environment:** Eight percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that unsafe school environments are a serious issue in the county. Four percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
 - **Challenge/Issue: Threats from gangs:** Three and one-half percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that threats from gangs are a serious issue in the county. Two percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
 - **Challenge/Issue: Children/youth experiencing bullying:** Twenty-seven percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that children/youth experiencing bullying is a serious issue in the county. Twelve percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Youth Challenges**
 - **Challenge/Issue: Truancy:** Seven percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived

that truancy is a serious issue in the county. Less than 1 percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.

- **Challenge/Issue: Youth using inhalants:** Fourteen percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that youth using inhalants is a serious issue in the county. However, less than 1 percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Teen alcohol or substance abuse:** Thirty-three percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that teen alcohol or substance abuse is a serious issue in the county. Three percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Teen violence/delinquency:** Sixteen percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that teen violence/delinquency is a serious issue in the county. However, no households reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Teen pregnancy:** Ten percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that teen pregnancy is a serious issue in the county. Less than 1 percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Children/youth with behavior problems:** Thirty percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that children/youth with behavior problems is a serious issue in the county. Nine percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Children/youth with emotional issues:** Thirty-two percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that children/youth with emotional issues is a serious issue in the county. Eight percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.

- **Issues with School Performance**

- **Challenge/Issue: School drop-out rate:** Four percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that the school drop-out rate is a serious issue in the county.

- **Issues with Community Resources**

- **Challenge/Issue: Shortage of recreational facilities:** Forty-five percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that a shortage of recreational facilities is a serious issue in the county. Twenty-five percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Insufficient activities for children and youth:** Thirty-nine percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that insufficient activities for children and youth is a serious issue in the county. Eighteen percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Insufficient quality child care:** Sixteen percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that insufficient quality child care is a serious issue in the county. Three percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Insufficient support for kinship caregivers of children:** Fourteen percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that insufficient support for kinship caregivers of children is a serious issue in the county. Two percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.
- **Challenge/Issue: Overcrowded classrooms:** Twenty-four percent of adults 18 years and older in Geauga County perceived that overcrowded classrooms is a serious issue in the county. Nine percent reported that this has been a serious issue in their household.

Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets

Asset Type	Asset Name & Definition
EXTERNAL ASSETS	
Support	Family support Family life provides high levels of love and support.
	Positive family communication Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parent(s).
	Other adult relationships Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
	Caring neighborhood Young person experiences caring neighbors.
	Caring school climate School provides a caring, encouraging environment.
	Parent involvement in schooling Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.
Empowerment	Community values youth Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.
	Youth as resources Young people are given useful roles in the community.
	Service to others Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.
	Safety Young person feels safe at home, at school, and in the neighborhood.
Boundaries and Expectations	Family boundaries Family has clear rules and consequences, and monitors the young person's whereabouts.
	School boundaries School provides clear rules and consequences.
	Neighborhood boundaries Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.
	Adult role models Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.

Positive peer influence	Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.
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High expectations	Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.
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Constructive Use of Time	Creative activities	Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
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Youth programs	Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations.
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Religious community	Young person spends one hour or more per week in activities in a religious institution.
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Time at home	Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.
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INTERNAL ASSETS

Commitment to Learning	Achievement motivation	Young person is motivated to do well in school.
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School engagement	Young person is actively engaged in learning.
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Homework	Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
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Bonding to school	Young person cares about her or his school.
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Reading for pleasure	Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.
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Positive Values	Caring	Young person places high value on helping other people.
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Equality and social justice	Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
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Integrity	Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.
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Honesty	Young person "tells the truth even when it is not easy."
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Responsibility	Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.
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Restraint	Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.
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Social Competencies

Planning and decision making

Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.

Interpersonal competence

Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.

Cultural competence

Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.

Resistance skills

Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

Peaceful conflict resolution

Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

Positive Identity

Personal power

Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me."

Self-esteem

Young person reports having a high self-esteem.

Sense of purpose

Young person reports that "my life has a purpose."

Positive view of personal future

Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

Risk and Protective Factors and Assets (RPA) Chart

PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR TARGETED IMPACTS

Developed by PFS Academy, Columbus Ohio

RISK FACTORS	Reduce Delinquent Behavior	Increase School Success	Reduce Teen Pregnancy	Reduce Substance Abuse	Reduce Violence	Decrease Behaviors Associated with Mental Illness
NEIGHBORHOOD RISK FACTORS						
1. Availability of Drugs	X			X		
2. Availability of Firearms	X				X	
3. Community Norms Tolerant of Violence	X				X	
4. Community Norms Tolerant of Crime	X				X	
5. Community Norms Tolerant of Substance Abuse	X			X		
6. Low Neighborhood Attachment	X	X				
7. Community Disorganization	X	X	X		X	
8. Transitions and Mobility	X	X	X	X		X
9. Poverty	X	X	X	X	X	X
FAMILY RISK FACTORS						
10. Family History of Problem	X	X	X	X	X	X
11. Inconsistent and/or Inappropriate Discipline	X	X	X	X	X	X
12. Lack of Adult Monitoring and/or Supervision	X	X	X	X	X	X
13. Family Violence		X			X	X
14. Favorable Family Attitudes toward Problem	X	X	X	X	X	
SCHOOL RISK FACTORS						
15. Antisocial Behavior	X	X				
16. Academic Failure	X	X	X	X		
17. Lack of Commitment to School	X	X	X	X		
PEER/INDIVIDUAL RISK FACTORS						
18. Alienation from Mainstream	X	X	X	X	X	
19. Favorable Attitudes Toward Problem Behavior	X	X	X	X	X	X
20. Friends Engage in Problem Behavior	X	X	X	X	X	X
21. Early Initiation in Problem Behavior	X	X	X	X	X	X

PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR TARGETED IMPACTS

NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTIVE FACTORS						
1. Access to Quality Prenatal Health Care						
2. Access to Quality Pediatric/Adolescent Health Care						
3. Access to Quality Mental Health Care		X	X		X	X
4. Community Norms Against Violence					X	
5. Community Norms Against Crime	X					
6. Community Norms Against Substance Abuse	X			X		
7. Neighborhood Attachment and Organization	X	X			X	
8. Residential Stability		X				X
9. Increase in Jobs with a Family Wage	X	X	X	X	X	
FAMILY PROTECTIVE FACTORS						
10. Consistent, Age-Appropriate Discipline	X	X	X	X	X	X
11. Adult Monitoring and/or Supervision	X	X	X	X	X	X
12. Family Problem-Solving Ability		X		X	X	X
13. Family Members Can Communicate Supportively	X	X		X	X	X
14. Significant Attachment to Pro -Social Adult	X	X	X	X	X	X
15. Family Members Value Education		X	X	X	X	X
SCHOOL PROTECTIVE FACTORS						
16. Parent-Teacher Cooperation		X	X			
17. Specialized Instruction for At-Risk Students		X	X			
18. School-to-Work Transition Programs		X				
PEER/INDIVIDUAL PROTECTIVE FACTORS						
19. Committed to some form of Pro-Social Ideology	X	X				
20. Pro-Social Attitudes	X	X				
21. Friends DO NOT Engage in Problem Behavior	X	X	X	X	X	
22. Friends Disapprove of Problem Behavior	X	X	X	X	X	

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – Substance Abuse

Target Impact: Substance Abuse

Indicator: Alcohol use

Description: Percentage of use in grade 8-12

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	38	37	35	34
Ohio	55	n/a	48	42
Geauga	41	43	48	46

Indicator: Alcohol abuse

Description: Percentage of abuse in grade 8-12

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	26	25	22	22
Ohio	37	11	n/a	27
Geauga	21	38	n/a	n/a

Indicator: Tobacco use

Description: Percentage of use in grade 8-12

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	17	29	15	14
Ohio	39	18	22	20
Geauga	21	26	25	19

Indicator: Marijuana use

Description: Percentage of use in grade 8-12

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	20.2	20.3	19.2	18.5
Ohio	26	26.1	26.1	21
Geauga	15	27.4	27.4	n/a

Indicator: Illicit drug use

Description: Percentage of use in grade 8-12

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	6.1	6	11.6	11.2
Ohio	6	4.6	5.5	7
Geauga	14	5.3	11.2	n/a

Indicator: Substance abuse treatment

Description: Number receiving treatment

	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
National	n/a	n/a	95,000	113,000
Ohio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Geauga	89	102	99	26

Indicator: Substance abuse treatment

Description: Closed cases

	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
National	n/a	n/a	1.4 mil.	n/a
Ohio	35,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
Geauga	n/a	21	16	22

Indicator 7c: Substance abuse treatment

Description: Of cases closed, number/% who completed treatment

	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
National				
Ohio				
Geauga	n/a	6 (29%)	11 (69%)	12 (55%)

Data Sources:

National Survey on Drug Use and Health
Monitoring the Future
Ohio Student Survey
Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Community Health Social Indicators

Geauga TPP Survey
Search Institute Survey
Geauga Juvenile Court
Geauga Board of Mental Health and
Recovery

Needs Assessment Data – Footnotes

Target Impact: Substance Abuse

Indicator: Alcohol use

- a. National – use in past 30 days
- b. Ohio – use within the past year
- c. Geauga – use in past 60 days

Indicator: Alcohol abuse

- a. Definition – five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once in the past 30 days
- b. Geauga – 2 schools reporting: School G '00 (all alcohol); School C '01 (beer)

Indicator: Tobacco use

- a. National and Geauga – use in past 30 days
- b. Ohio – use within the past year

Indicator: Marijuana use

- a. National and Ohio – use within the past year
- b. Geauga – use in past 30 days
- c. Geauga – two schools reporting: School G '00; School C '01

Indicator: Illicit drug use

- a. reporting includes all illicit drugs except: Ohio '02 & National '01 (inhalants, oxycontin, ecstasy only); School G (all, with none broken out); School C (cocaine only)
- b. Geauga – two schools reporting: School G '00; School C '01
- c. First ring school districts (50% of students live in a suburb that shares a border with the city of Cleveland - '02. Used in Geauga data line because it was as 'local' as I could find)

Indicator: Alcohol related offenses

- a. National – driving while under influence, only reported offense
- b. Geauga – percentage reported is total of criminal delinquencies that are drug and alcohol related

Indicator: Substance abuse treatment

- 7a. Geauga – serviced fewer in '03/'04 because kids stayed longer
Numbers could mean either: successful, kicked out or to in-patient
- 7c. In 02/03, of cases completed, it took 49 sessions; in 03/04, it took 55 sessions

Notes:

- Youth are sicker and farther into problems at admission
- Families
 - more need a broader ranger of services
 - IOP on one of the circumstances
 - **Need** - earlier intervention & more effective early interventions

Grade Breakdown

Geauga County Alcohol and Tobacco Use

School A Alcohol and tobacco use 2001-2004

7th grade

2000-2001	3% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	7% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	8% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	12% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	6% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	8% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	6% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	11% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

8th grade

2000-2001	19% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	34% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	11% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	19% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	19% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	34% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	14% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	25% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

9th grade

2000-2001	30% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	47% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	17% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	47% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	20% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	43% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	21% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	36% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

10th grade

2000-2001	44% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	50% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	34% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	62% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	23% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	41% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	19% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	44% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

11th grade

2000-2001	36% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	67% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	34% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	55% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	39% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	55% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	22% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	64% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

12th grade

2000-2001	43% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	73% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	37% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	65% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	47% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	58% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	27% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	58% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

School B

8th grade

2000-2001	13% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	26% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	3% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	10% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	7% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	20% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	13% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	29% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

10th grade

2000-2001	23% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	45% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	24% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	39% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	20% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	35% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	14% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	34% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

12th grade

2000-2001	31% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	60% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	38% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	62% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	25% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	56% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	32% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	63% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

School C Alcohol and tobacco use 2002-2003

10th grade

2002-2003	23% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	46% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

School D

8th grade

1999-2000	3% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	3% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2000-2001	5% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	9% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	12% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	27% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

10th grade

2000-2001	26% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	40% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	14% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	32% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	19% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	50% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2003	23% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	41% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

12th grade

2000-2001	sample too small
2001-2002	57% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	73% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	20% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	60% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2003-2004	29% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	68% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

School E

8th grade

2000-2001	17% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	42% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	14% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	26% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

10th grade

2000-2001	23% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	36% report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.
2001-2002	13% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	44% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	25% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	46% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

12th grade

2001-2002	49% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	60% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.
2002-2003	41% report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days.
	72% report drinking alcohol in the past six months.

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – Mental Health

Target Impact: Enhance Emotional and Mental Health Development

Indicator: Youth receiving mental health services

Description: # of youth 0-17 services paid by ADAMHS Board (1)

	2001	2002	2003	2004
National				
Ohio		82,854	87,934	93,295
Geauga	345	419	398	412

Note: Of the 72 juveniles on probation in Geauga County 42 had a mental health diagnosis (58.3%) and 28 were psychotropic meds (38.9%).

ADMHS Board also reports and increase in the number of kids on waiting list for services, 2005 being the highest number in recent history.

Indicator: Age of Youth Receiving Mental Health Services

Age	2002	2003	2004
0-5	43	34	29
6-12	181	163	186
13-17	222	215	222

Note: Due to birth date issues, 14-25 youth, depending on the year, are counted in 2 age groups.

Indicator: Local Youth Receiving Services

Description: Geauga County Youth

	2002	2003	2004
Received services outside the county	65	56	56
Did not receive services	11	2	25
Total Youth	419	398	412

Note: Serviced include only those served with public money, not by private physician or therapist.

Indicator: Completed suicide (2)

Description: ages 15 -26 yrs. (3)

	2001	2002	2003	2004
National (4)	9.9%	9.9%		
Ohio				
Geauga	2	3	2	1

Footnotes:

- (1) figures also available by age group and diagnostic categories.
- (2) Does not include Geauga county resident who commits suicide outside the county
- (3) Professionals feel that suicide in mid-twenties related to incidents occurring during teen years

Data Sources:

MACSIS Data Bank--ODMH
Geauga Co. Dept. of Health: Vital Statistics dept.
YRBS: Youth Risk Behavior Survey- Ohio
American Association of Suicidology
Geauga County ADAMHS Board

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – School Success

Target Impact: School Success

Indicator: Socioeconomic status

Households at or below poverty level frequently have issues in the areas of birth weight, hunger, nourishment, childcare. It has been shown that students from low-income families frequently start school behind their peers, and there is great difficulty in closing the gap.

Description: Poverty Levels-all households

	1989	1999
National	13.5%	12.7%
Ohio	11.5%	11.2%
Geauga	3.4%	4.4%

Description: Families with children below the poverty level (2000)

National	25%
8 county area	27%
Geauga	4.5% (districts ranged from 2-10%)

Note: The total number of families below the poverty level in Geauga County increased 26% between 1989 and 2000. This number is masked in percentages considering Geauga’s population growth.

Indicator: Home learning condition

Single and/or absent parents tend to read to children less often, allow more television time, and are less available for school support and involvement.

Description: Single female head of household with children

	2000
National	23.5 %
8 county area	26.9%
Geauga	11.1%

Note: In Geauga County (2000) approximately 57% of two-parent families with children have both parents working outside the home.

Indicator: School Environment

Description: Number of students disciplined for behavior problems

Geauga Schools	01-02	02-03	03-04
Behavior problems	*444	680	878

* 01-02 school year does not include School E, which averaged 297 for this item over the next two years.

Description: Number of students disciplined for violence/fighting

Geauga Schools	01-02	02-03	03-04
Fighting/violence	*240	236	204

* 01-02 school year does not include school E, which averaged 61 for this item over the next two years.

Indicator: Graduation Rates

	01-02	02-03	03-04
Geauga	94.3	96.3	95.9
State	82.8	83.9	84.3
Similar districts	93.1	92.9	95.6

Note: Although graduation rates are high, truancy rates are increasing. The numbers below are district numbers, so no indication of grade level at which the problem exists is indicated.

Description: Truancy-Geauga County (as reported by school):

2001	2002	2003
197	258	244

Indicator: Proficiency Test Results

Reading Proficiency Results

Description: 4th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	75	75	**70.8	
Geauga	77.5	80.0	81.3	

Description: 6th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	75	75	**64.6	
Geauga	73.6	79.7	77.1	

Description: ***9th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	85	85	**95.7	
Geauga	98.5	98.7	97.7	

Math Proficiency Results

Description: 4th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	75	75	**65.8	
Geauga	78.0	75.7	79.1	

Description: 6th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	75	75	**65.6	
Geauga	74.4	66.5	80.7	

Description: ***9th Grade Percentage

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
National				
*Ohio	85	85	**84.5	
Geauga	92.4	91.6	92.9	

Proficiency Summary

County	Test Grade	Test Subject	2001-2002 School Year	2002-2003 School Year	2003-2004 School Year
			Proficient Percentage	Proficient Percentage	Proficient Percentage
Geauga	3rd Grade	Reading			88.5%
	4th Grade	Reading	80.2%	83.2%	85.3%
		Writing	88.7%	92.3%	89.8%
		Mathematics	80.5%	79.8%	83.6%
		Citizenship	81.5%	80.7%	78.2%
		Science	79.6%	78.0%	82.9%
	6th Grade	Reading	77.6%	82.7%	80.8%
		Writing	93.9%	95.6%	97.5%
		Mathematics	78.7%	72.4%	84.4%
		Citizenship	88.3%	86.6%	86.2%
		Science	77.7%	83.4%	81.2%
	9th Grade	Reading	96.5%	96.0%	
		Writing	95.7%	97.0%	
		Mathematics	84.5%	89.2%	
		Citizenship	91.2%	93.6%	
		Science	89.8%	91.2%	
	10th Grade	Reading	98.1%	98.3%	98.1%
		Writing	98.3%	97.1%	97.9%
		Mathematics	92.9%	92.7%	94.0%
		Citizenship	96.1%	95.9%	96.1%
		Science	95.2%	95.3%	95.4%
	OGT	Reading			92.3%
		Mathematics			87.1%

Footnotes:

* State requirement is: 75% (01 through 04)

** State percentage of students at and above the proficient level (03/04)

*** Results for 10th grade students who took the test as 8th, 9th and 10th graders

Note: The first year IEP students were required to take the proficiency test was 02-03.

Data Sources:

School Year Report Cards for each district in the County

Children and Families- Indicators 2003-Federation for Community Planning

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – Violence

Target Impact: Violence

Indicator: School Violence

Description: Fights/Violence needing discipline

	2001	2002	2003	2004
National	6%		10%	
Ohio				
Geauga	-	125	130	131

Notes:

- Geauga are high school only numbers.
- National data is % reporting crimes at school. 2003 only 1% were violent crimes.
- Nationally, 2003, 22% of all violent crimes committed against youth, 22% occurred at school.
- Nationally 43% of high school students think it is okay to hit someone when angry.

Indicator: Committed to the Department of Youth Services

Description: Felony Incarceration. Includes repeat offenders

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National				
Ohio	2766	2453	2336	2177
Geauga				

Notes: Ohio (2003), only 36% of all felonies were person to person crimes. 12% were sex offenses.

Indicator: Child Abuse

Description: Reports-Geauga

	2002	2003	2004	Ohio
Physical	78	53	69	25%
Neglect	92	67	80	35%
Sex abuse	58	51	45	14%
Emotional	54	38	35	5%
Dependency	202	211	216	21%
Total	484	420	445	

Notes:

- 2004 average daily supervision: 31 children.
- Protection: 36 children
- Nationally child sexual abuse reports went down 31% from 1992-98.

- Dependency includes concerns not in the other categories. Examples may include truancy, lack of supervision.
- Ohio number is percentage of all cases, 2004.

Indicator: Child Abuse

Description: Abuse and Neglect cases

	2001	2002	2003	2004
National	2.67 million	1.8 million	-	-
Ohio	72,350	71,474	71,195	72,520
Geauga	186/412	282/484	209/420	229/445

Notes:

- The above chart lists reported cases of child abuse and neglect cases. The bold numbers in the Geauga row is the number of child abuse and neglect cases including dependencies. In doing a comparison with Ohio and national numbers, the bold numbers should be used under Geauga, because not all counties investigate dependencies.
- In the state of Ohio, dependency cases are only 21% of all cases (third lowest category). In Geauga it is by far the highest.

In 2004 the number of open ongoing cases (cases that require longer-term and often court-ordered involvement on the part of Job & Family Services) per month ranged from a low of 42 to a high of 49. Over the same period the monthly average of new cases being referred to JFS was 37.

Usually the most critical and serious cases JFS handles are those which require JFS taking custody of children. In 2002 the average number of children in JFS custody per month was 50, in 2003, 46, and in 2004, 40.

Notes:

- Nationally violent crimes in school totaled 88,000 in 2003.
- Violent crimes outside of school totaled 309,000.

Footnotes:

All notes are in the body of the report

Data Sources:

Ohio EMIS report
 Ohio Department of Youth Services-Youth Offender Statistics
 RAINN (Rape abuse and incest national network) web site
 Bureau of Justice Statistics-National School Violence Report
 "By the Numbers" Geauga JFS monthly newsletter.
 Youth and Violence-Report by Josephson Institute of Ethics
 Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention web site.
 Geauga Juvenile Court. Michele Schroeder.
 Mentalhealth.org- national bullying information

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – Delinquency

Target Impact: Delinquency

Indicator: Bullying

Description: Physical and verbal/emotional

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	5 million 1/7			
Ohio				
Geauga				31%

Notes:

- School F reports “bullied sometimes or a lot”.
- Middle School G records almost daily reporting of bullying in 2003 and 2004.
- National bullying numbers show that 13% of kids (most frequently grade 6-8) were bullying, while 11% felt bullied.
- A South Carolina study found 20% of students bullied, while 23% were involved in bullying in grade 6-10.
- Regarding local bullying: School G was also polled informally regarding bullying behavior. A steady increase of almost weekly reporting of incidents has occurred over the last 2 school years.
- Behavior reported most includes teasing, gossiping, cut-downs/disrespect, emotional abuse and physical and verbal harassment between boys and girls.

Indicator: Committed to the Department of Youth Services

Description: Felony Incarceration. Includes repeat offenders

	2000	2001	2002	2003
National				
Ohio	2766	2453	2336	2177
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Notes: Ohio (2003), only 36% of all felonies were person to person crime. 12% were sex offenses.

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Mentalhealth.org - National bullying information.

Applicable Statistics and Graphs – Teen Pregnancy

Target Impact: Teen Pregnancy

Indicator: Births to teens

Description: Teen births as a percentage of all births

	1999	2000	2001	2002
*National	44	41	38	23
Ohio	12.5	12	11.4	10.7
Geauga	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.3

Indicator : Abortion

Description: Abortion rate-number of abortions per 1000 women age 15-44

	1999	2000	2001	2002
National	17	16	16	N.A.
**Ohio	N.A.	16	15	13
Geauga	15	16	14	15

Indicator : Ever had sex

Description:

Percentage of teens in grade 9-12 who have engaged in sexual intercourse

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
National	54.1	N.A.	N.A.	46.7	47
Ohio	45	N.A.	N.A.	42	42
***Geauga	59	57	52	45	46

Indicator: Number of sexual partners

Description:

Percentage of sexually active teens, grade 9-12, who have had 4 or more sexual partners

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
National	18.7	N.A.	N.A.	14.4	14
Ohio	18	N.A.	N.A.	13	13
Geauga	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.S.

Description:

Percentage of sexually active teens, grade 11 and 12 who chose only 1 sexual partner

Geauga	N.A.	33	42	53	Not avail.
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Note: Regarding dating violence: According to Ohio YRBS, in 2003 8% of students in Ohio and 9% of students nationally reported being physically forced to have sex against their will.

Footnotes:

*These numbers are rates (births per 1000 women age 15-19) except 2002 which is a rate for age 15-17 only.

**This rate is for teens only, age 15-19.

***This percentage is grade 11 and 12 only.

Data Sources:

Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey Summary

Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

National Center for Health Statistics-Centers for Disease Control

CDC Americas Children in Brief report

Geauga TPP Student Survey