

COALITION FOR A SAFE & DRUG-FREE FAIRFIELD

PROBLEM: Too many youth in Fairfield City & Township abuse prescription drugs and OTC cough medicines.

Data: 4.8% of 9-12 graders reported that they have taken a prescription drug such as Ritalin, Adderall, or Xanax without a doctor prescription 10-40+ times during the past 30 days (2008 FSUS); Fairfield City School District school nurses have seen an emerging abuse of prescription drugs with students (antidotal); Nationally, from 1995 to 2005, the number of teenagers treated for addiction to prescription pain relievers increased more than 300% (found in April 17, 2008 Join Together Newsletter); Estimated that one out of 10 teens nationwide—that's 2.4 million kids from all backgrounds and geographic areas—say that they have taken cough remedies to get high. Data collected in 2008 by the National Institute on Drug Abuse for its Monitoring the Future study estimate the intentional abuse of cough medicine among eighth, tenth, and twelfth graders is 3.6 percent, 5.3 percent, and 5.5 percent, respectively.

**FSUS stands for Fairfield Student Use Survey

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