



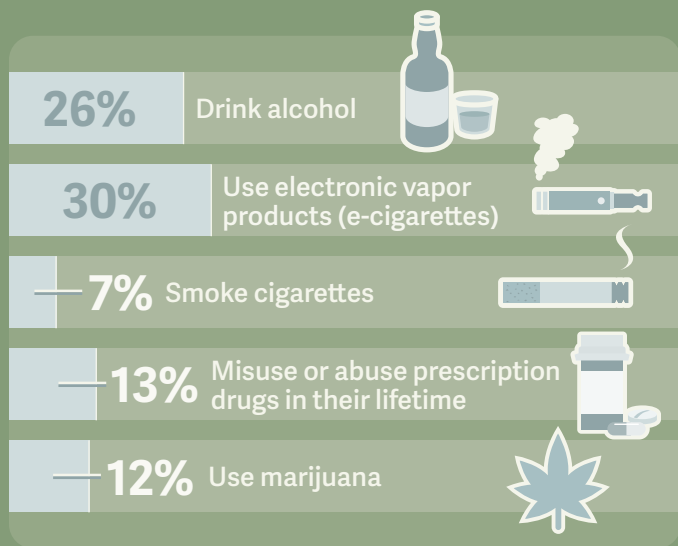
Substance Misuse

is harmful and costly to individuals, relationships and communities, but it can be prevented and treated.

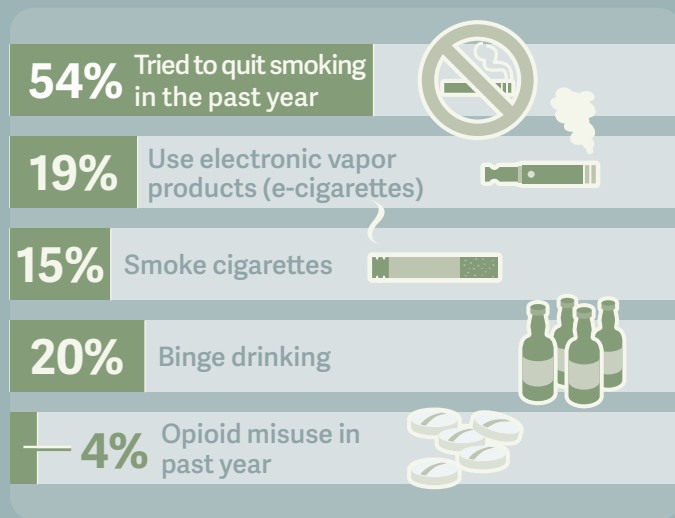
In Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster Counties, residents are concerned about the health impacts, community burden and dangers associated with substance misuse and abuse.

What do the South Heartland numbers say?

9-12th GRADERS



ADULTS



"Drug misuse and abuse and alcohol misuse and abuse are difficult community issues, but I think we must continue to look for solutions."

Resident response to SHDHD Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, 2018

"Abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs is costly to our Nation, exacting more than \$740 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care."

National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2018

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Our goal is to reduce substance misuse and risky use to protect the health, safety and quality of life for all.

We are working together to promote prevention, expand treatment and connect people to resources.

STRATEGIES/OBJECTIVES

Action

Promote screening and assessment to facilitate referral.



Train professionals and community members.



Create a local Behavioral Health Advocacy Group.



Expand the teen drug court program to all counties



Expand drug take back programs and encourage safe pain management



Create a health services resource guide



Setting

Providers, schools, community

Providers, community, public health department

Community

Community, Judicial

Home, community and health care, public health department

Libraries, schools, clinics, hospitals, community, public health department

EXPECTED RESULTS

Fewer adults misuse substances



Fewer youth are involved in risky behaviors that lead to substance misuse



More people receive timely substance misuse and mental health services



Resources will connect people to the help they need

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