

OVERVIEW: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Key Community Health Status Assessment Findings:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Tobacco:

1. **In 2009-2011, 10.6% of Pinellas births were to mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy, compared to 6.8% in FL.**
2. Although declining significantly since 2000, the percent of Pinellas high school students smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days in 2012 (13%) is still higher than state rate (10.1%). The middle school rate (2.8%) is slightly lower than the state rate (3.3%).
3. In Pinellas, 19.3% of adults smoked in 2010, higher than the state rate (17.1%) and Healthy People 2020 goal (12%).

Drug Abuse:

1. **The number of newborn withdrawal cases in Pinellas has increased from only 22 in 2005 to 153 in 2010 (not including alcohol).**
2. Between September 2010 and February 2012, 1,253 children were removed from their homes in Pinellas County, 422 (34%) due to prescription drug abuse.
3. The percent of Pinellas middle school (7.4%) and high school (20.9%) students using marijuana/hashish in the past 30 days in 2012 were both higher than state rates (5.7% and 18.6% FL).
4. In 2011, the most common drug or toxin related cause of death in Pinellas was prescription drugs (181 deaths), followed by combined prescription and illicit drugs (36 deaths).

Alcohol Abuse:

1. Although declining, the percent of Pinellas high school students using alcohol in the past 30 days in 2012 (39.6%) is still higher than state rate (38%). The middle school rate (17.9%) is also slightly higher than the state (16.8%).
2. Although declining, Pinellas had a higher alcohol-related motor vehicle traffic crash rate (138.3/100,000 in 2008-2010) than FL (107.0/100,000) and surrounding counties.
 - a. Similarly, the alcohol-related motor vehicle traffic crash injury rate was higher in Pinellas (87.9/100,000) than FL (74.8/100,000).

MENTAL HEALTH

1. The Pinellas County 2010 CPPW BRFSS found that 32.7% of adults were not receiving the social and emotional support they need.
2. Suicide rates in Pinellas (17.7/100,000 in 2009-2011) exceed both the state rate (13.8/100,000) and Healthy People 2020 goal (10.2/100,000).
 - a. Suicide rates are highest among men (28.9/100,000), persons who are White (19.6/100,000) and those 40-59 years of age (32.1/100,000).
3. The rate of Pinellas children 1-5 receiving mental health treatment services was 11.4/1,000 in 2009-2011 compared to state rate of 11/1,000, placing Pinellas in the 3rd quartile in state
4. The non-fatal hospitalization rate for self-inflicted injuries among children 12-18 was 72.9/100,000 in 2009-2011 compared to FL rate of 46/100,000, placing Pinellas in 4th quartile in state.
5. The percent of Pinellas emotionally handicapped students in grades K-12 in SY 2010-2011 (1.5%) exceeded FL rate (0.9%) and puts Pinellas in 4th quartile in state.

VIOLENCE AND OTHER

1. The domestic violence offense rate was 772.8/100,000 in 2009-2011, compared to 605/100,000 in FL.
2. The rate of Pinellas infants <1 in foster care was 17.4/1,000 in 2009-2011, compared to 10.7/1,000 in FL, placing Pinellas in 4th quartile in state.
3. The rate of Pinellas children 1-5 in foster care was 8.4/1,000 in 2009-2011, compared to 5.7/1,000 in FL, again placing Pinellas in 4th quartile in state.
4. The Pinellas rate of referrals to the Department of Juvenile Justice was 739.3/10,000 in 2009-2011, far exceeding the state rate of 588.7/10,000.

Key Community Themes & Strengths Findings:

1. **Addiction was the #1 health problem of concern, selected by 54.2% of community survey respondents as one of their top three health problems of concern.**
2. **Alcohol and drug abuse was the #1 behavior of concern, selected by 55% of community survey respondents as one of their top three health behaviors of concern.**
3. **Child Abuse and neglect was the #4 health problem of concern, selected by 24.8% of respondents as one of their top three health problems of concern.**
4. **Smoking was the # 5 behavior of concern, selected by 30.8% of respondents as one of their top three health behaviors of concern**