Marijuana Use and Winnebago County High School Students

What is the problem?

- 27.7% of students reported using marijuana at least one time.
- 14.6% of students reported using marijuana for the first time before the age of
 13.
- **16.7%** of students reported using marijuana during the **past 30 days**.
- **7.2%** students have used **synthetic marijuana** one or more time in their lifetime.
- **44.4%** of students reported that they **strongly disapproved** or **disapproved** of people smoking marijuana occasionally.
- **40.0%** of students reported that people their age would say it is **not at all wrong or a little bit wrong** to smoke marijuana occasionally.
- 25.5% of students reported that they think people do not risk (no risk) harming themselves if they smoke marijuana occasionally.

What are the solutions?

K-12 skill-based health education
Evidence-based drug prevention programs
Trained staff
Parent and community education
Coordination of school and community-based efforts
Regular assessment of drug prevention efforts

What are some resources to help address the problem?

- SAMSHA Programs, http://www.samhsa.gov/
- National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information http://www.samhsa.gov/
- Office of National Drug Control Policy http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/
- National Institute on Drug Abuse http://www.drugabuse.gov/
- Treatment Finder http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Wisconsin Resources

- Department of Public Instruction AODA Program http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aodaprog.html
- Wisconsin Safe & Healthy Schools Center http://www.wishschools.org
- CESA 6 Safe and Healthy Schools Network <u>www.cesa6.org</u>