# Substance Use Disorder?

What it is and how it can be prevented.

How does it affect me? It affects everyone.



# **53206 Drug-Free Communities Project** connects youth and families to supports to reduce underage drug and alcohol abuse.

#### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Substance use disorder occurs when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically and functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home. – SAMHSA

**1.3 million youth** ages 12 to 17 reported a substance use disorder. – *NSDUH 2014* 

90 percent of Americans who are addicted to tobacco, alcohol or other substances *started* smoking, drinking or using drugs before they were 18 years old. – *National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University* 

## **ALCOHOL**

**17 million people** have a substance use abuse disorder with alcohol. – *NSDUH 2014* 

**Almost 40,000 youth** ages 12 to 17 reported an alcohol use disorder. – *NSDUH 2014* 

According to the Department of Transportation, alcohol accounted for more than **4,300 youth** (under the age of 21) **injuries** in Wisconsin in 2015.



#### MARIJUANA

**4.2 million people** have a marijuana use disorder. – *NSDUH 2014* 

**Almost 100,000 youth** ages 12 to 17 reported marijuana use disorder. – *NSDUH 2014* 



# CONSEQUENCES IN MILWAUKEE

In Milwaukee, **86%** of second marijuana possession results in **felony charges**. – *Public Policy Forum 2015* 

Felony charges affect your ability to secure housing, financial aid for school, employment, child custody, and immigration status.

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