



FACTS on Youth Alcohol Use and Binge Drinking:

In the 2008-2009 school year, 40 youth were suspended for alcohol use from high schools and 20 youth from middle schools in Pinellas County, (Pinellas County Schools Out of School Suspensions Reports.)

In 2008, 69.0% of high school students and 34.6% of middle school students reported alcohol use on at least one occasion in their life in Pinellas County, (2008, Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey).

In Pinellas County in 2008, 42.1% of high school students and 19.0% of middle school students reported alcohol use in the past 30-days and 23.4% of high school students and 5.0% of middle school students reported binge drinking, (2008, Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey).

In 2008, ABT Officers completed 463 alcohol compliance checks in Pinellas County to ensure that vendors did not sell to youth. Of the 463 checks, 65 vendors sold alcohol to someone under the legal age limit, (14.0%), (Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco).

In 2008, 66.0% of all Central Florida college students surveyed consumed alcohol on at least 1 day out of the past 30 (Florida Core Study Regional Report).

- ❖ LiveFree! currently has Youth Clubs at 5 High Schools in Pinellas County
- ❖ LiveFree! had been providing AlcoholEDU classes (90 minute alcohol education sessions) to Pinellas County youth for the past 3 years. To date, over 700 youth have taken the course.
- ❖ LiveFree! is currently conducting a Last Drink Survey in partnership with the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center to help learn where youth are gaining access to alcohol and prescription drugs
- ❖ LiveFree! is currently working with the Pinellas Park Police Department to conduct compliance checks
- ❖ LiveFree! is currently implementing the Be the Wall campaign throughout Pinellas County, encouraging parents to Be the Wall between teens and alcohol