



# SCCDAT NEWS

Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

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*Our Mission:*

*To combine efforts within the community to prevent and decrease drug use, and to increase the known factors that help to reduce the risk for drug, alcohol and tobacco use in youth.*

In an average year, 30 million Americans drive drunk, and 10 million Americans drive impaired by illicit drugs.

A survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) revealed that 13.2 percent of all people aged 16 or older drove under the influence of alcohol and 4.3 percent drove under the influence of illicit drugs during the past year. Furthermore, rates of impaired driving differed dramatically by age. While 11.8 percent of people aged 26 and older drove drunk, 19.5 percent of people aged 16 to 25 drove drunk and, 2.8 percent of the older group drove drugged, while 11.4 percent of younger drivers did so.



December seems particularly suited to this observation because traffic fatalities that involve impaired drivers increase significantly during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods. Young adults are among those at greatest risk for driving impaired.

All 50 States and the District of Columbia enforce the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years. [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) asks minors to avoid alcohol, and encourages parents and other caregivers to make a new or renewed commitment to never cater a party to underage drinking. If someone you know is drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement. Your actions may save someone's life, and inaction could cost a life. Families play an essential part in stopping impaired driving. By talking about the risks and setting clear expectations, parents and other caregivers can help their children stay safe, sober, and focused on the road.

We have a new team member! Kori Boyd will be joining the staff of SCCDAT the week of November 20th. Kori has been a resident of Sumner County for six years. Kori, husband Jason, and their 2 1/2 year old son live in the South Haven area. We are excited to have her with us and we know that she will be an asset to the coalition. You will be meeting Kori in the next few weeks as she begins to become acquainted with coalition members and key leaders throughout the county and the state! WELCOME KORI!

**If alcohol is in the driver's seat, ask for help.**





# KANSAS Communities That Care Student Survey



## How do I know that my district's Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) data is valid and reliable?

Some people have suggested that the results of the KCTC survey can't be valid because "kids don't answer honestly" or they "mark answers without reading the questions". But, in reality, there are three validity checks built into the survey that can identify responses that are not honest or patterns that demonstrate lack of attention to the survey questions. Each year, only 4-5% of surveys are found to be invalid and are not included in analyses.

Validity is concerned with the accuracy of measurement. Three important types of validity are internal, external and content.

- Internal validity asks whether the survey questions measure what is intended to be measured and if results are accurate or can be evaluated against a desired outcome.
- External validity refers to the degree to which a sample is representative of or can be generalized to the larger population.
- Content validity refers to the appropriateness of the content of an instrument. In other words, do the questions accurately assess what you want to know?

Evidence of false reporting can include:

- o Students indicated that they were not honest at all in completing the survey;
- o Students indicated they had used a non-existent drug; or
- o Students reported unrealistically frequent use of substances

The KCTC has proven to be very reliable over time. Results obtained by the KCTC are similar to results obtained when compared with other student surveys measuring substance use and mirror trends reported at the national level.

## What if I have additional questions about the KCTC validity and reliability?

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