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PROBLEM OF PRACTICE (PoP) REPORT HARDIN COUNTY

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Hardin County Profile

Hardin County has an estimated population of 31,736. 2,818 residents are between 12-17 and 4,951 residents are between 18-25.

The population is predominantly Caucasian (96%), with a small African American population (0.9%). Approximately 2% of the population identifies as multiracial. A small percent (1%) of the county's population reports being of Hispanic or Latino origin.

English is the predominant language, with 4.9% of residents reporting that another language is spoken at home.

The county includes five public school districts and does not include a public institution of higher education.

Among residents above 25 years of age, 89.2% have a high school diploma and 13.5% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. Both the high school graduation rate and the percentage of higher education degrees in the county are similar to that of the state (90% and 18%, respectively).

The median household income (2011-2015) is \$42,703, which is below the state median of \$49,429.

The five year (2011-2015) estimated percentage of the county population below poverty level is 19%. This is above the estimated state percentage (14%).

Prevention Data Committee (PDC)

In order to support our project, a prevention data committee (PDC) was formed. Our PDC, which is comprised of community members who know our community well and who have skills and experience working with data, was designed to assist our project by working with our local data to:

- Identify community resources to collect, analyze and share data;
- Help identify local needs;
- Provide data and analysis to support our community's choices related to our problems of practice and evidence-based strategies; and
- To help establish systems for ongoing data collection, analysis, and dissemination during and beyond the SPF-PFS project.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Ohio Department of Education (2016). Public School District Contact Information. Retrieved from <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-OEDS/Ohio-Educational-Directory-Data>

Ohio Department of Higher Education (2016). Ohio Public Universities and Colleges. Retrieved from https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/students/Ohio-Public-Campuses-Map_Aug2016.pdf

Our PDC has met 1 time. We plan to meet on a quarterly basis. Our PDC consists of the following members:

Member Name	Organization
Loran Miracle	Table One
Jennifer Rogers	KHS
Cindy Keller	Heath Dept

Priority Problem

Ohio’s SPF-PFS project focuses on 1) underage drinking among individuals ages 12-20 years and 2) prescription drug abuse among individuals ages 12-25 years.

We have decided to select *Underage Drinking* as our Priority Problem.

Priority Population

Those affected by this issue are Hardin County youth ages 12-17, who reside and attend school in Hardin County.

Data Sources Used When Selecting Priority Problem

- 2014 Hardin County Health Assessment

Hardin County Problem Statement

Data from the 2014 Hardin County Health Assessment shows that 18% of Hardin County youth between 12 and 17 years of age used alcohol in the past 30 days.

Why Underage Drinking is an Issue among Priority Population in Hardin County

Based on the results from the 2014 Hardin County Health Assessment 18% of Hardin County youth reported alcohol use in the past 30 days. The results further indicate 11% were binge drinkers.

Outcome Variables

Outcome Variable	Baseline Data	Data Source	Year
Past 30 day alcohol use among ages 12-17	18% reported using alcohol in the past 30 days	Hardin County Health Assessment	2014
Binge	11% reported binge drinking in the past 30 days	Hardin County Health Assessment	2014

Capacity to Address Issue

The capacity Hardin County has is schools, churches, businesses, law enforcement, volunteers, newspaper, courts, PDC and Advisory Board. We also have a relationship with PVFF, who has experience working with Hardin County youth ages 12-17. PVFF has several programs in Hardin County schools, such as Refuse, Remove, and Reasons, Lifelines, PAX at home, and Stacked Deck (gambling).

Benefits of Selecting Underage Drinking as the Problem of Practice

Benefits include getting parents involved in what's going on in their childrens' lives and reminding the Hardin County community that underage drinking is an important issue that affects the health and wellbeing of Hardin County youth.

Barriers and Challenges of Selecting Underage Drinking as the Problem of Practice

Barriers we may face would include parental and school buy in, finding a way to reach parents, and communicating to the Hardin County community that opiate misuse is happening in this community, however underage drinking amongst our youth ages 12-17 is an important health issue.