"BECAUSE IT'S A FUN THING TO DO": DIFFERENTIATING YOUTH PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSERS BY MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MOTIVES FOR RX USE

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METHODS

- × 11th Grade Students in Delaware
 - + Random sample of 85% of all 11th grade classrooms in Delaware public and public-charter schools
 - + Combined sample of 2006 & 2008 data
 - + 11,272 participants (92% response rate)

PART 3: DESCRIBING RX USERS

WHO USES RX?



Past Year Rx Use Without a Prescription

WHY THEY USE



WHO WANTS TO GET HIGH? MOTIVATION BY DEMOGRAPHICS





WHO WANTS TO GET HIGH? DEMOGRAPHICS BY MOTIVE



WHAT THEY'RE USING



WHERE THEY GET THEM



PART 4: COMPARING RX USERS

OTHER SUBSTANCE USE



OTHER SUBSTANCE USE



OTHER SUBSTANCE USE



VIOLENCE



NON-VIOLENT DELINQUENCY



CONSEQUENCES

