

## **IN TENNESSEE**

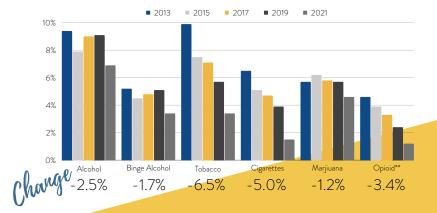
## PREVENTION WORKS!

Coalitions in Tennessee have contributed to reducing youth substance use by maximizing federal dollars.

FUNDING FOR PREVENTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, GIVEN THE SYNDEMIC CREATED BY COVID-19 AND WIDESPREAD OPIOID USE.

Thank you for your support of federal programs that fund local efforts to reduce substance use.

Long-term success is measured by a reduction in 30-day use among youth, aged 12-17 (NSDUH)



## THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN PRIMARY PREVENTION IN TENNESSEE!

For the first time in 2021, the Tennessee General Assembly granted a direct appropriation of \$500,000 to advance primary substance use prevention. Nine (9) counties have been funded to establish new coalitions. This project reaches 295,366 Tennesseans at a cost per capita of \$1.69, but promises to offer a significant return on investment. Last year, in 2023, the General Assembly granted a recurring \$200,000 appropriation to allow PAT to start new coalitions and provide training and technical assistance to existing coaitions, advancing prevention in our state.



## Additional Public Health Priorities

- Insurance coverage of Non-Opioid Alternatives for the treatment of acute pain
- Restricting Cannabis packaging
- Comply with Federal law related to Schedule I drugs
- Offer balance to Medical Marijuana Commission
- Promote restorative justice for youth

THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION IN TENNESSEE IS SIGNIFICANT. FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN PREVENTION AT THE STATE LEVEL, \$4.60 IN TAXPAYER SAVINGS IS REALIZED. THE SAVINGS INCREASES WHEN FUNDING IS DIRECTED INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

THE AVERAGE SAVINGS IN TENNESSEE COUNTIES IS \$12.18