

Coalition Name: Laconia Youth Alliance (LYA)

Substance: **Alcohol**

## PROBLEM

## ROOT CAUSES

## LOCAL CONDITIONS & DATA (specific, identifiable, actionable)

### Problem:

Youth Alcohol Use

### Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:

28.7% of high school-aged students in the Laconia School District have reported 30-day use of at least one drink of alcohol (YRBS 2019)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:**  
(Informed Interview 2022)

### Root Cause #1: Favorable Youth Attitude

### Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:

42.7% of high school-aged students self-reported that their friends feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day (beer, wine, or liquor) (YRBS 2019) **Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:**  
(Informed Interview 2022)

### Root Cause #2: Ease of Access

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:**  
35.6% of high school-aged students self-reported that it would be very easy for them to get some alcohol if they wanted to (beer, wine, or liquor) (YRBS 2019)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:**  
(Informed Interview 2022)

**Local Condition:** Youth do not believe that alcohol causes long-term harm, so they use it at LHS during lunch on campus in the bathroom.

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:** Youth have family members using alcohol frequently (self-reported to our local experts 2021)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:** Youth have peers using alcohol frequently (self-reported to our local experts 2021)

**Local Condition:** Youth have a low perception of peer disapproval for use of alcohol, so youth use alcohol at school.

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:** 42.7% of students reported that their friends would NOT feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day (beer, wine, or liquor) (YRBS 2019)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:** Focus Group 2022

**Local Condition:** Youths are being provided alcohol from friends and/or family members at home/parties

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:** Youth may be accessing alcohol from within their home and/or someone they know is obtaining it for them (self-reported to our local experts 2021)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:** YRBS 2022

**Local Condition:** Youth are stealing alcohol that is easily obtained.

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #1:** Youth are able to steal alcohol from grocery stores because it can be easily obtained (Local Experts 2021)

**Measure, Data, Source & Date #2:** Focus Group 2022

