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VERNON ROCKS COALITION

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-Alicia Keys

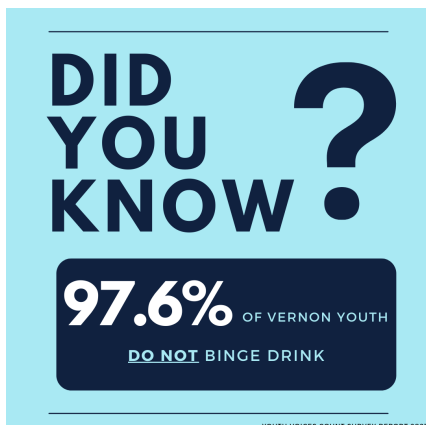
Coalition Initiatives

Sticker Shock

Vernon ROCKS partnered with local liquor stores for our Sticker Shock campaign. This campaign reminds adults that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors by placing underage drinking prevention messages on alcohol that may be appealing to youth. Providing alcohol to minors carries serious consequences. Thank you to the local liquor stores that partnered with us!



Vernon Youth Voices Survey 2023 Data Released!



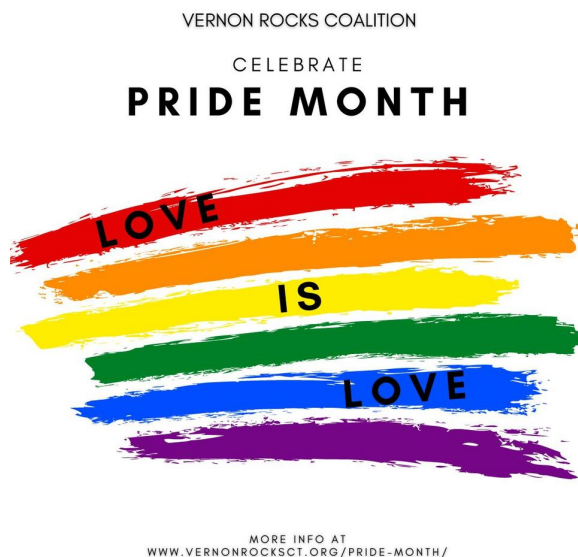
Our 2023 Vernon Youth Voices Count Survey data has officially been released! This comprehensive report is based on 1,350 surveys submitted by students in grades 6-12 in Vernon.

This data empowers us to gain comprehensive insights into the prevailing trends and challenges faced by youth in our community. This knowledge can help us to tailor our efforts and interventions to address the specific needs of the youth, ensuring that our initiatives are well-informed and impactful. The data also increases awareness among parents and youth, enabling them to make informed decisions and navigate the community safely. We strive to create a healthier and safer environment for our community's future generations.

Notably, the statistics reveal significant shifts since our last survey. Marijuana has surpassed alcohol as the most commonly used substance among youth. In grades 9-12, 46% of students reported a low perceived risk of harm from THC. While legislative changes in recent years may have influenced perceptions of marijuana, it is crucial to emphasize that its consumption remains unsafe for youth.

Regarding substance access, our findings indicate that youth in grades 6-12 primarily obtain vape products and marijuana from friends and peers. Alcohol, on the other hand, is most frequently accessed with parental permission at home, echoing the importance of our recent social marketing campaign and the Social Host Law.

Happy PRIDE Month



The Vernon ROCKS Coalition stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA2S+ community. PRIDE month was developed to raise awareness and encourage inclusiveness.

Unfortunately, sexual minorities often face social stigma, discrimination, and other challenges like violence and harassment, not experienced by people who identify as heterosexual. These factors, mixed with other stressors, put sexual minorities at an increased risk for substance use.

The Vernon ROCKS Coalition wants to be a part of preventing that and creating an inclusive space for all. For information and resources on preventing youth LGBTQIA+ substance use [check out our website](#).

Congratulations RHS Seniors!

Congratulations to the Rockville High School Class of 2023!

May new opportunities come your way, and may you always be successful in your life. As you celebrate this milestone with friends and family, please remember to do so safely.

Happy Graduation!



If you or a loved one is having trouble with substance abuse check out the available resources in the area.

[Get Help](#)

If you are aware of an underage party or illegal activity follow the link and submit the anonymous form below, and the Vernon ROCKS Coalition will work with the Vernon Police Department to prevent or stop the activity.

[Report it Here](#)

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