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Community Action Plan

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How to use this Action Plan

The Resource Assessment Report is intended to help community members, key leaders, and the CTC Board to understand what Fall River CTC hopes to accomplish in the near and distant future. Over the last year community leaders were educated, gathered information, and developed this plan for the future.

Readers should use this report for the following reasons:

- Learn about the Communities that Care process.
- Review the work of the Risk and Protective Factor and Resources Assessment Workgroups.
- Understanding the need for prevention services in Fall River County.
- Learn about FRCCTC and its intended goals and purpose.
- Identify where they can support CTC either through monetary support, volunteering, or partnerships.
- CTC will utilize the Action Plan to gauge success of programming and measure change within the youth of the community.

Fall River County, SD Communities That Care Participants

Fall River County, SD Communities That Care is a collaborative project of public and private health, education, human service, and civic organizations; local businesses; and citizens. Some of those who have been represented include:

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Letter From Board President and Coalition Coordinator

My father imprinted on me from a young age, if you can learn, learn, if you can teach, teach, if you can help, help, and if not now, when? I took this to heart when I approached building the Fall River County, SD Communities that Care Coalition. I could not do it alone. I would like to thank everyone involved in this process. Every conversation and workgroup brought new and meaningful information. CTC is community driven and a coalition is only as strong as its members and we are strong.

Substance use, mental health, lack of opportunity, and poverty directly affect everyone in Fall River County and are disproportionately affecting our children. Fall River County is a service desert dotted with oases of relieving water. You can survive, but without a map or guide it's easy to find yourself lost. An organized and connected community supporting every child, individual, and household with openness and understanding creates an environment where tourism, local businesses, adults, and children thrive.

Fall River, SD Communities that Care Coalition's goal is to bring awareness and change to the issues affecting the youth of our communities and the adults they grow into. Prevention services work. Organizing current resources works. Identifying service gaps and bringing solutions works. The Communities that Care process does this to bring change and unite our communities.

We can do better, and we will.

Alexander Nelson Board President and CTC Coalition Coordinator

Community History

Fall River County, SD has a rich diverse history. Fall River County is in the Southern Black Hills of South Dakota and is home to several natural warm water springs, a thriving farm and ranch community, tourist attractions, abundant outdoor activities, and rich cultural, geologic, and historical attractions. The communities of Hot Springs, Edgemont, and Oelrichs are the hubs for all activities and each have their own distinct history.

For Hundreds of years Native Americans used the natural springs for their professed healing qualities. In 1869 the Cheyenne and Sioux tribes fought over control of the Springs at what is now known as Battle Mountain. At the conclusions of hostilities both parties agreed to keep the area known as Minnekahta (Water - hot) a health sanctuary and termed the Black Hills a great "Medicine Home."

Hot Springs, SD settlement began in 1879 and was originally known as Minnekahta which was changed to Hot Springs in 1881. Hot Springs primarily was developed as destination health resort due to the natural springs. In 1903 the national sanitarium in Hot Springs began construction to support American war veterans. Today it is known as the Hot Springs VA Campus. Tourists continue to visit Hot Springs for the natural waters and other local attractions.

Oelrichs, SD was laid out in 1885 and founded by Henry Oelrichs, superintendent of the Angle-American Cattle Company. Oelrichs has a strong farming and ranching heritage.

Edgemont, SD was founded by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in 1890 as a terminal and yard for their Black Hills lines. Edgemont continues its railroad traditions and supports a strong farming and ranching community.

Fall River County has a rich history of healing, supporting others, and cooperation for a mutual goal. CTC looks toward writing the next chapter of FRC history with the successes of our youth.

From South Dakota Historical Collections, Compiled by
the South Dakota State Historical Society and the
Board of Cultural Preservation. Volume 41, 1982

What is Communities that Care?

“Fall River County, SD is a diverse community committed to the development of opportunities for youth, through engaged partnerships, to grow and prosper in a healthy and safe environment.”

Developed by Dr. David Hawkins and Dr. Richard Catalano of the Social Development Research Group in Seattle, Washington, the Communities That Care system is a way for members of a community to work together, efficiently and effectively, to promote positive youth development and prevent youth problem behaviors such as substance use, delinquency, teen pregnancy, dropping out of school and violence. CTC Plus uses prevention science to attend to the needs of a community. Volunteers gather and interpret data to identify risk and protective factors within the community. These protective factors are scientifically proven by the University of Washington to be predictors and offer protection to youth. The University of Washington developed the social development model, which consists of skills, opportunity, and recognition, coupled with clear standards of behavior, will equal bonding and health behaviors in youth. It works. The University of Washington completed a randomized controlled trial of 24 communities across 7 states. Each community was paired within the states, and each assigned as either a control community or were assigned to use the CTC process. 4,407 students participated and followed by researchers into adulthood. Positive changes were found in the CTC communities greater than the control communities. These effects were sustained into adulthood.

Fall River Health Services received a grant from the South Dakota Department of Health in January 2022 to implement CTC in Fall River County. To date, Fall River County CTC is a unified coalition of all community sectors to organize community resources, volunteer, find and fund prevention programs and policies; to improve the lives of children and allow them to reach their full potential as adults. Fall River County, SD implemented the Communities That Care process to achieve the community's vision that all young people in Fall River County, SD grow up supported and nurtured by their families, schools and community, and become healthy adults who contribute positively to society.

FRC CTC Communities That Care Effort Timeline

In May of 2022 Fall River Health Services (FRHS) hired a Coalition Coordinator. The Fall River County, SD CTC began implementing Communities That Care prevention planning system in July 2022.

Key accomplishments to date:

- January 2022- Fall River Health Services (FRHS) received a grant from the South Dakota Department of Health to implement CTC in Fall River County.
- May 2022- FRHS hired a CTC Coalition Coordinator.
- June 2022- CTC Coordinator attended University of Washington CTC Training. CTC Coordinator began communicating with Fall River County, SD's Key Leaders.
- July 2022- An initial Key Leader meeting was held to brainstorm additional Key Leaders.
- August 2022- CTC Coordinator recruited other Key Leaders in all of the communities in Fall River County, SD.
- September 2022- Community leaders attended a Key Leader Orientation and committed to the Communities That Care effort. Additional Key Leaders and prospective board members were identified.
- November 2022- The first board orientation was held and the Student Survey was provided to all school districts in Fall River County, SD.
- December 2022- The Communities That Care Youth Survey was administered to 6-12th graders in Fall River County, SD Schools. The board orientation was completed, board work groups were formed, and a board meeting was scheduled for January 2023.
- January 2023- Board meeting held, bylaws written and approved, workgroups met and organized.
- February 2023- Student Survey data returned to CTC Coalition for analysis.
- March 2023- The Risk- and Protective-Factor Assessment work group attended the Community Assessment Workshop and developed a plan for completing the community risk- and protective factor assessment.
- May 2023- The Resource Assessment workgroup attended the Resource Assessment workshop and identified resources within Fall River County, SD.

What is to come?

- Fall 2023 implementation of community action plan
- 2024-Spring 2026 manage implemented action plan
- Summer 2026- begin process to start evaluation process for Fall 2026.
- Spring 2027- second round of Student Surveys to assess progress
- Summer 2027 Evaluate data, amend action plan, implement changes
- Repeat...

FRC CTC Organizational Chart



Workgroup Responsibilities

- Risk and Protective Factor Assessment workgroup is responsible for collecting and analyzing data to identify and track CTC Risk Factors.
- Resource Assessment and Evaluation workgroup is responsible for collecting current community resources related to the Risk and Protective Factors. They also work to catalog all resources available within the community.
- Funding workgroup is responsible for securing funding to keep FRC CTC Functional.
- Youth Involvement workgroup brings youth to the table and work towards engaging youth in the process.
- Community Outreach and Public Relations workgroup organizes and projects the CTC message to the community.
- Community Board Maintenance workgroup creates and drafts rules for the board and ensures it functions smoothly.

Risk and Protective Factor Identification

A key goal of the Communities That Care effort is to identify which risk factors, protective factors and problem behaviors are prevalent in our community, and implement evidence-based programs that address our community's unique profile. To that end, the Risk- and Protective-Factor Assessment work group collected and analyzed data on Fall River County, SD. Then, with input from the community, they identified priority risk factors to address, as well as community strengths to build on.

Based on the analysis of the data and input from the community, the following risk factors were identified as priorities for community attention:

- Favorable Attitudes towards problem behaviors (Peer/individual, Community, Family Domain)
- Low Commitment to School (School Domain)
- Family Management (Family Domain)

Data collection methods

As noted above, the Communities That Care Youth Survey was administered in December 2022 and January 2023. All students in grades 6, 8, 10 & 12 were asked to participate. The complete results are provided in the Fall River County, SD Communities That Care Youth Survey report. Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Catalano from the University of Washington also identified public data indicators which show valid and reliable measures of certain risk factors and problem behaviors that are not measured by the survey, namely Extreme Economic Deprivation, Availability of Drugs and Alcohol, Teen Pregnancy and School Drop-Out. The Risk- and Protective-Factor Assessment work group collected data from local and state agencies to supplement the youth survey.

How the priorities were identified

The Risk- and Protective-Factor Assessment work group analyzed the data to identify which risk factors are most elevated in Fall River County, SD. This initial short list of priorities was presented to the Community Board, which discussed other considerations, such as the community's ability to have an impact on certain risk factors at this time. By consensus, the Community Board then selected the final priorities for prevention action in Fall River County, SD. Those priorities were presented to Key Leaders for endorsement.

Overview

The next sections of the report provide detailed information and analysis of the risk factors, protective factors and problem behaviors in Fall River County, SD. The conclusion presents the final list of priorities and recommendations for future action.

Risk Factor: Favorable Attitudes Towards Problem Behavior

The attitudes and policies a community holds in relation to drug use and crime are communicated in a variety of ways: through laws and written policies, through informal social practices, and through the expectations parents and other members of the community have of young people. When laws, tax rates and community standards are favorable toward alcohol and other drug use, or crime—or even when standards are just unclear—young people are at higher risk.

An example of conflicting messages about alcohol and other drug use can be found in community acceptance of alcohol use as a social activity. Beer gardens at street fairs and community festivals frequented by young people are in contrast to “say no” messages that schools and parents may be promoting for young people. This makes it difficult for children to decide which norms to follow.

Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior

Parents who approve of, encourage or participate in problem behaviors increase their children’s risk for these behaviors.

Parents’ attitudes and behavior toward drugs, crime, and violence influence the attitudes and behavior of their children. Children whose parents approve of or excuse them for breaking the law are more likely to become involved with juvenile delinquency. Children whose parents engage in violent behavior inside or outside the home are at greater risk for violent behavior.

If parents use illegal drugs, are heavy users of alcohol, or tolerate children’s use, children are more likely to become drug users in adolescence. The risk is further increased if parents involve children in their own drug- or alcohol-using behavior. Parental approval of children’s moderate drinking, even under supervision, increases the risk that the children will use marijuana and develop problems with alcohol or other drugs.

During the elementary years, children usually express anti-drug, anti-crime, and prosocial views; they have trouble imagining why people use drugs, commit crimes, and drop out of school. In middle school, as others they know participate in such activities, their attitudes often shift toward greater acceptance, placing them at higher risk.

Favorable attitudes towards problem behaviors will be addressed in all areas of risk, peer, family, community, and school. The data we used to select this risk factor included the following: the elevated use of nicotine, alcohol, and marijuana at or above the national average provided by the survey, parents providing substances, locations to use these substances and/or using these substances with their children (See Appendix A, B, C). 18.7% of all youth surveyed indicated riding in a car with an intoxicated driver compared to the national data at 16.7%. This number peaked at 23% in 8th grade. 72% of students reported limited to no risk with substance use (See Appendix D).

Community laws and norms also support youth substance use. Current community norms which can encourage or confuse use substance use and acceptable norms included: city permitted open sales of alcohol during community and family functions in downtown Hot Springs, County Fair, rodeos, and other events. 33% of driving deaths in Fall River County are contributed to alcohol use which is above State average.

Risk Factor: Lack of Commitment to School

Lack of commitment to school means that a child no longer sees the role of being a student as meaningful and rewarding. Young people who have lost this commitment to school are at higher risk for substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout and violence.

The low commitment to school was selected based on the direct survey indicating the youth did not attach to or care for school. This lack of attachment directly correlates to the graduation rate, delinquency in the school environment, and academic failure (See Appendix D).

Risk Factor: Family Management Problems

Poor family management practices include having a lack of clear expectations for behavior; failure of parents to supervise and monitor their children (knowing where they are and who they're with); and excessively severe, harsh or inconsistent punishment. Children exposed to these family management practices are at higher risk for substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropout and violence. The Student Survey indicated a high percentage of children at risk based on the criteria set forth in the survey (See Appendix D).

Risk Factor Summary

Fall River County, SD's Strengths

Our data revealed students felt there were opportunities for prosocial interactions, activities, and rewards in the community. It should be noted these were the strongest protective factors, but they still fell below the National average reported by the survey (See Appendix E). These are an important area of strength on which to build to help promote well-being and protect our youth from the risk of health and behavior problems. A different approach may need to be taken to identify and strengthen these protective factors.

Community Priorities

Youth problem behaviors identified during the survey and data analysis of substance abuse, delinquency, depression, and anxiety will be addressed over the next several years by reducing the identified risk factors:

- Favorable Attitudes towards problem behaviors (Peer/individual, Community, Family Domain)
- Low Commitment to School (School Domain)
- Family Management (Family Domain)

These risk factors were selected as priorities because the data indicated that they are among the most elevated throughout Fall River County, SD. We will give particular attention to implementing strategies or programs to addressing the three identified risk factors when implementing our action plan.

Resource Assessment

The resource assessment was the next step in the Communities That Care process. In May 2023, members of the Resource Assessment and Evaluation workgroup attended the Assessing Community Resources Workshop. Using a survey, workgroup members collected prevention program information from the Fall River County, SD area specific to youth in grades birth to 18. The assessment was completed in Fall/Winter 2022/23.

Based on the assessment information, the Resource Assessment and Evaluation workgroup suggest that:

- There are no tested and effective resources in the Fall River County, SD area that address any of the risk factors identified. There are also several programs that impact this risk factor that have not been scientifically evaluated for evidence of effectiveness or have been defined as tested and effective. This report recommends the community board supplement untested resources with tested, effective programs, and that tested, effective resources addressing all risk factors be expanded to include the entire community.
- There is one tested, effective resource in the Fall River County, SD area that addresses the risk factor Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior. There are also several other programs that impact these risk factors, yet they have not been scientifically evaluated for evidence of effectiveness or been defined as tested and effective. This report recommends the community board supplement untested resources with tested, effective programs, and that tested, effective resources addressing Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior be expanded to include the entire community.
- Any programs that are chosen to address the above risk factors should also include a focus on at least one of the targeted protective factors. Additional ways to augment the protective factors should be provided whenever possible (perhaps through other funding sources).

The Resource Assessment and Evaluation workgroup has collected information about the resources that address the Fall River County, SD Communities That Care priority risk and protective factors. The workgroup used survey information and input from the community to identify tested, effective resources that focus on youth and families of youth of all ages, as well as the gaps in those resources. Coupled with the Community Assessment Report, the information contained in this report will serve as the foundation for the Fall River County, SD Communities That Care Community Action Plan.

Information collection

During the Assessing Community Resources Workshop, workgroup members created a list of agencies, organizations, and groups in the area that provide programming for children. Next, workgroup members created a questionnaire to gather relevant information from each resource listed in the inventory. The survey was used to confirm whether each resource addresses one or more of the Fall River County, SD Communities That Care priority risk or protective factors and impacted youth of all ages. Additionally, the survey questions helped workgroup members identify each resource's goals and strategies, target population, evaluation history and evidence of effectiveness, and any gaps in, issues with, or barriers to service.

Members of the Resource Assessment and Evaluation Workgroup, the community coordinator, and other community members administered the survey to all agreeable agencies, organizations, and groups on the list; the majority of the surveys were completed. As a result, workgroup members were able to identify resources available to youth in the Fall River County, SD area that fit the criteria of tested and effective prevention strategies.

Assessment Details

Members of the Resource Assessment and Evaluation workgroup analyzed the survey information to identify tested, effective youth-development and prevention resources, as well as resource gaps and areas for improvement that exist in the Fall River County, SD area. The following criteria were established for effective resources:

- An effective resource should address research-based priority risk factors.
- An effective resource should enhance research-based priority protective factors.
- An effective resource should intervene at a developmentally appropriate age.
- An effective resource should have demonstrated effectiveness in a high-quality evaluation.

Gaps were identified in several ways. Survey items were used to identify resource-specific gaps, such as failure to serve a geographic area of the community. Broader gaps—such as a lack of tested, effective resources that address a particular risk or protective factor—were then identified.

Report Overview

The next sections of the report provide detailed information about the community's resources and gaps, organized by priority risk factor. The conclusion presents a summary of the resources and gaps, along with recommendations for future action.

The Fall River County, SD Community's Tested, Effective Resources

The Resources Assessment and Evaluation workgroup is pleased to report that:

- Although there are limited tested, effective resources in the Fall River County, SD area that address the three prioritized risk factors, several untested programs and individual efforts are attempting to protect against these risks.
- Overall, the Fall River County, SD community recognizes the gaps and barriers to implementing programming. The community sees the need for collaboration, intervention, and prevention services to benefit the youth of Fall River County, SD.

Resource Gaps

The following gaps are present in Fall River County, SD community's current youth-development and prevention efforts that focus on youth and families of youth of all ages, and should be addressed by the Community Action Plan:

Attitudes and Behaviors Favorable to the Problem Behaviors

- There is currently one resource implemented in Hot Springs, SD, which only affects 5th graders.
- Community standards project conflicting messages. An example of conflicting messages about alcohol and other drug use can be found in community acceptance of alcohol use as a social activity. Beer gardens at fairs, rodeos, and community festivals frequented by young people are in contrast to “say no” messages that schools and parents may be promoting for young people.

Low Commitment to School

- There is a gap in this area and all school districts indicated they are aware of and are working towards possible solutions to this issue. Possible solutions discussed are future skill focused such as industrial technology and Serve Safe Education. Other options include introducing internship and life experience classes. All input from school districts is welcome and encouraged.
- Through discussion with community members, board members, key leaders, students, and reviewing public social media discussion boards, a vocal section of the community created a rift between the school, students, and some parents. There are concerns of implementing programming into schools, which the aforementioned group feels is “woke”, creating a larger service gap. An open dialog between the school, community, parents, and students needs to occur to allow for program implementation.

Poor Family Management

- There are no tested and effected programs implemented at this time to address this risk factor. Limited resource availability, community readiness, and ready access to families who would benefit from intervention increase the difficulty when addressing this risk factor.

Coalition Motives and Approved Strategies

Fall River CTC is committed to the success of the youth in Fall River County. The FRCCTC Board, Key leaders, and volunteers will develop and implement multiple goals and strategies to benefit the community. All the goals and programs outlined below will focus on the above risk and protective factors and aim to fill the identified gaps in current services within the community. Our efforts will not solely focus on implementing tested and effective programs, but also encourage cooperation between agencies, businesses, and government to better serve the youth and families to support positive change.

FRCCTC will be a resource for agencies to contact to find solutions, help solve problems, and support implementation of programming within the community. The identified risk and protective factors found in this document will guide all decisions, programming selections, and coordinated efforts. FRCCTC recognizes the need for a holistic approach to improving identified gaps, risk factors, and reaching our projected outcome goals.

FRCCTC's Action Plan focuses on short, intermediate, and long-term goals. Each set of goals takes great care in recognizing cost-effective means to reach stated outcome projections. Cost effectiveness is a combination of monetary cost as well as an individual's time. When considering any programs for implementation in the Fall River County, SD Community, special consideration should be given to those that increase recognition for prosocial behavior and that increase school opportunities for prosocial involvement.

The following list contains the generalized goals and programming identified during the Community Risk Assessment and Resource Assessment workgroups. These goals and programs are the direct work of residents of Fall River County.

Short Term Goals

- Support the Freshman Impact program and coordinate to improve and develop their messaging.
- Develop a list of easily supported tested and effective programs to implement within school districts addressing risk factors.
- Research technology to connect schools, parents, coaches, and students to reduce delinquency.
- Create a funding plan for future success.

Intermediate Term Goals

- Supplement resources addressing the risk factor Low Commitment to School with tested, effective programs, policies, and practices, recognizing that there are limited tested, effective resource options available that do not operate in the school domain.
- Work with community services providers to bring family orientated training to Fall River County, such as teen oriented parenting classes.
- Research and identify high quality tested and effective programming addressing risk factors; including but not limited to: Raising Healthy Children and Guiding Good Choices to implement at a later date.

Long Term Goals

- Implement a Drug and Teen Court in Fall River County, SD.

Ongoing Goals

- Work with and encourage communication and cooperation with all organizations within Fall River County, including but not limited to: Edgemont YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Hot Springs, School Districts, Courts, Law Enforcement, Mental Health and Substance Abuse service providers, who work with children and families to increase positive outcomes.
- Promote current programming options available within the area.
- Support school implementation of tested and effective programming by providing resources to remove barriers to implementation, including but not limited to: staff, cost, time, and aiding community buy in.
- Supplement school resources to support school identified methods to improve youth engagement.
- Utilize CTC resources to support School Districts implementing internships or other life skill building classes.
- Research and identify community policies and practices contributing to risk factors and provide information to policymakers to make changes.
- Support school districts and other youth serving agencies in promoting success in Fall River County through social media and other appropriate means.

Risk Factors and Associated Programing/Activities

The following activity and program list, developed by CTC Key leaders, board members, and volunteers is broken into which risk factors will address. Some programs will affect multiple risk factors, but placed in the risk factor they primarily address. Programs listed below meet the criteria of being a tested and effective program and fulfill the FRCCTC goal of limited implementation resource requirements. This is not an all inclusive list and other programs and methods will be explored as needed or requested.

Attitudes and Behaviors Favorable to Problem Behaviors

Substance Use Prevention Programs

Botvin LifeSkills Trainings
Second Step K-8
Too Good for Drugs
Canoe Trip
Educational drug seminars for students and community
Character Counts
The Landing
Support and coordinate with the Freshman Impact program
One Choice Prevention

Family Oriented Programming

Raising Healthy Children
Guiding Good Choices

Mental Health Awareness Programming

Teen, YOUTH Mental Health First Aid
Natural Helpers
Networks of Support
Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)
Community Mental Health Awareness

Policy/Systemic Changes

Identify policies and practices contributing to risk factors.

Present high risk policies to policymakers to consider changes.

Community/Parental Education advertising.

Develop a workgroup to research implementing a Drug and Teen Court in Fall River County, SD.

Low commitment to school

Support schools in implementing their own truancy initiatives.

Support School Districts implementing internships or other life skill building classes.

Supplement school identified methods to improve youth engagement in school.

Develop a local Student Leadership Event.

Research and identify intervention and prevention strategies for truancy.

Family Management

Raising Healthy Children Workgroup.

Guiding Good Choices Workgroup.

Bring family orientated training to Fall River County.

Research technology to connect schools, parents, coaches, and students to reduce delinquency.

Research and develop possible wrap around services for indicated families.

Outcome Goals

All outcome statements and goals are based on the level reported in the CTC Student Surveys conducted in all Fall River County School Districts in Fall/Winter 2022/2023. Goals were established at the FRC CTC Workgroup Meeting in June of 2023. Reduction numbers are based on realistic numbers. Due to the nature of prevention, it is likely during the next survey cycle numbers may increase. This is due to students, staff, law enforcement and other reporting bodies gathering more specific information directly related to the identified risk factors. It would not be a reflected as a failure of programming.

6th Grade Goals	2022-23 Youth Survey Original Percentage	Spring 2026 Percentage Goal
Alcohol use in the last 30 days	5.8	2
Marijuana use in the last 30 days	0	<.5
Tobacco/nicotine use in the last 30 days	4.3	2
Depressive Symptoms	46.6	30
Lower perceived risk of drug use	57.5	50
Low commitment to school	57.7	45
Youth at risk due to poor family management	44.4	40
View community laws and norms as favorable to drug use	35.5	25
View their parent's attitudes towards drugs as favorable	10	5
Favorable attitudes toward antisocial behavior	47.4	35
Increase protection of youth through rewards for pro-social involvement in the community	37.7	40

Outcome Goals Continued

8th Grade Goals	2022-23 Youth Survey Original Percentage	Spring 2026 Percentage Goal
Alcohol use in the last 30 days	13.6	7
Marijuana use in the last 30 days	11.9	8
Tobacco/nicotine use in the last 30 days	16.7	10
Depressive Symptoms	61.7	45
Lower perceived risk of drug use	71.7	55
Low commitment to school	78.1	60
Youth at risk due to poor family management	55	45
View community laws and norms as favorable to drug use	43.6	35
View their parent's attitudes towards drugs as favorable	50	40
Favorable attitudes toward antisocial behavior	47.5	35
Increase protection of youth through rewards for pro-social involvement in the community	30.9	40

Outcome Goals Continued

10th Grade Goals	2022-23 Youth Survey Original Percentage	Spring 2026 Percentage Goal
Alcohol use in the last 30 days	32.6	20
Marijuana use in the last 30 days	23.3	15
Tobacco/nicotine use in the last 30 days	38.9	25
Depressive Symptoms	72.2	55
Lower perceived risk of drug use	85.4	60
Low commitment to school	61.8	50
Youth at risk due to poor family management	47.7	40
View community laws and norms as favorable to drug use	50	40
View their parent's attitudes towards drugs as favorable	63.6	50
Favorable attitudes toward antisocial behavior	38.8	30
Increase protection of youth through rewards for pro-social involvement in the community	14	30

Outcome Goals Continued

12th Grade Goals	2022-23 Youth Survey Original Percentage	Spring 2026 Percentage Goal
Alcohol use in the last 30 days	29	18
Marijuana use in the last 30 days	16.7	10
Tobacco/nicotine use in the last 30 days	38.5	25
Depressive Symptoms	67.6	50
Lower percieved risk of drug use	84.8	68
Low commintment to school	72.2	60
Youth at risk due to poor family management	21.9	15
View community laws and norms as favorable to drug use	65.5	55
View their parent's attidutes towards drugs as favorable	53.3	40
Favorable attitudes toward antisocial behavior	37.1	30
Increase protection of youth through rewards for pro-social involvment in the community	16.1	30

Conclusion

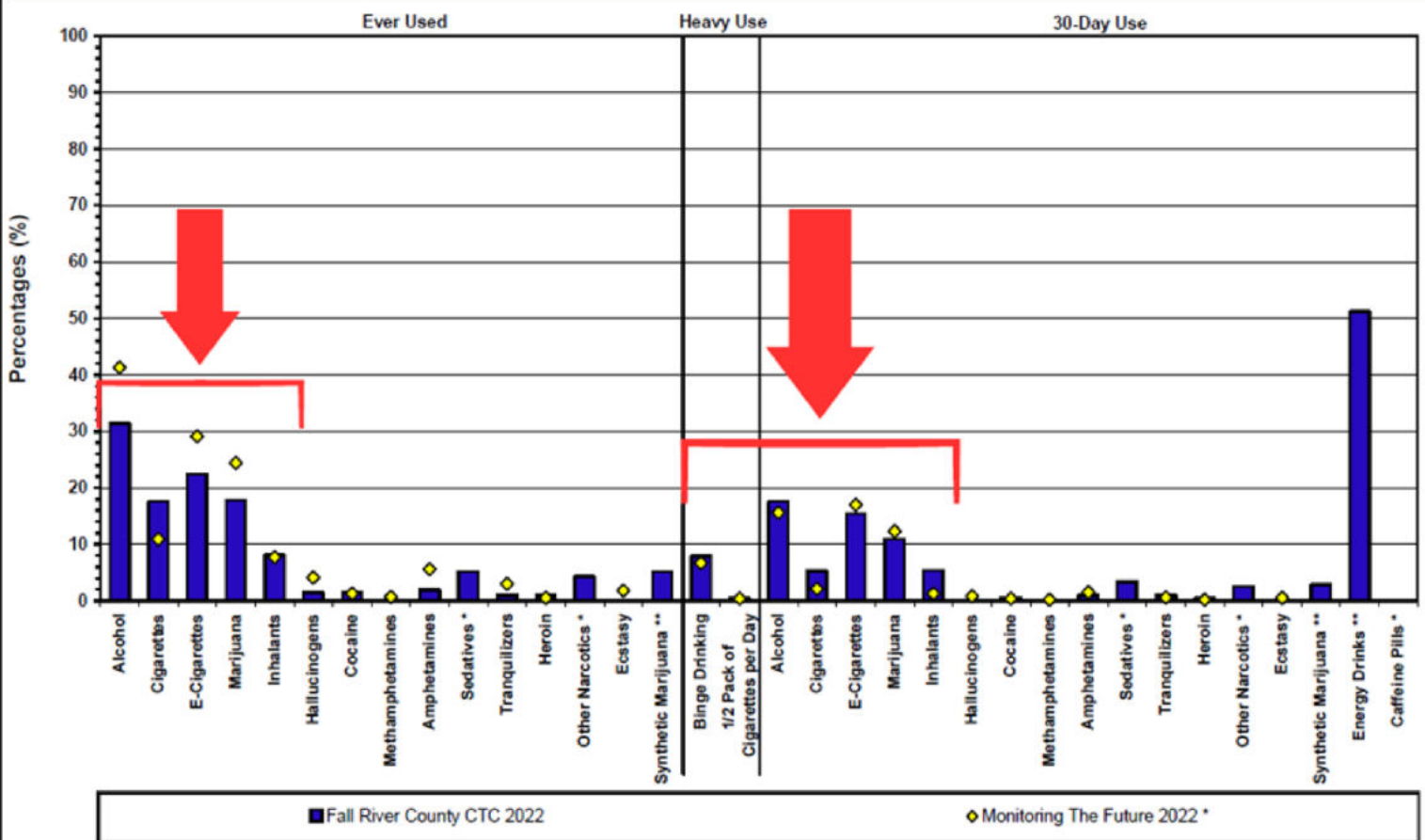
CTC in Fall River County is a long-term process to unite and deliver needed services to the youth and families of our community. Every person matters in ensuring the youth receive the needed support. Parents and caregivers are integral to the success of their children and their ability to be productive members of the community. The identified Risk Factors outlined in the preceding document are elevated and reflective of the adults within the community. Children reflect their surroundings. Fall River County lacks preventative and support services regarding substance use and mental health for youth in the community.

FRCCTC is working with the Edgemont, Hot Springs, and Oelrichs School Districts to introduce substance abuse prevention and promote mental health services. It is hoped these services will begin during the 2023/24 school year. As the process progresses there will be noticeable changes within the community and will eventually lead to generational change.

CTC's process and success will enhance Fall River County for generations to come. The Outcome reduction goals appear daunting but are still attainable with effort and commitment. Every little thing helps. A kind word or congratulatory handshake could be the difference between quitting and success. Together we can build a better tomorrow for our community.

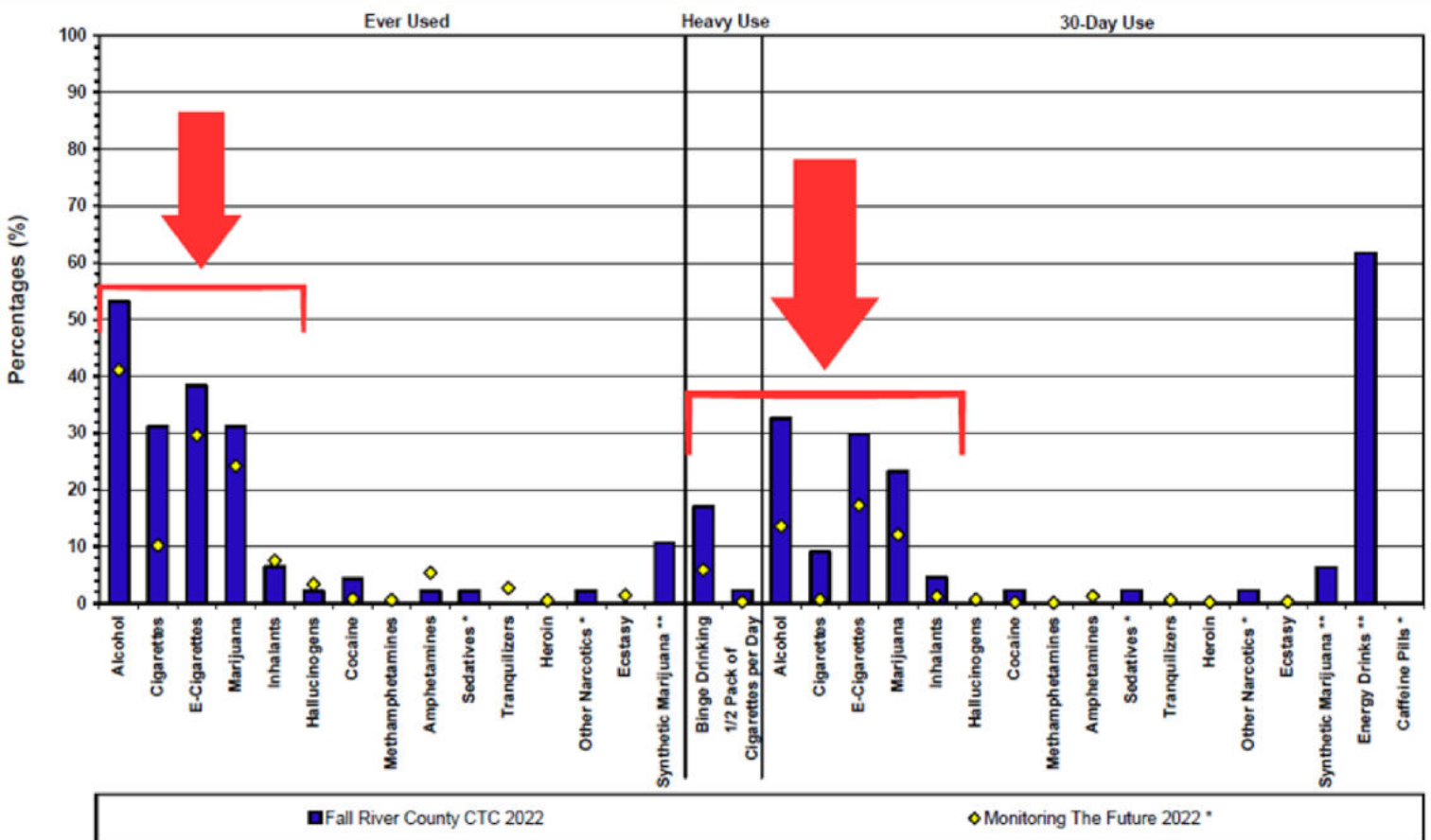
Appendix A

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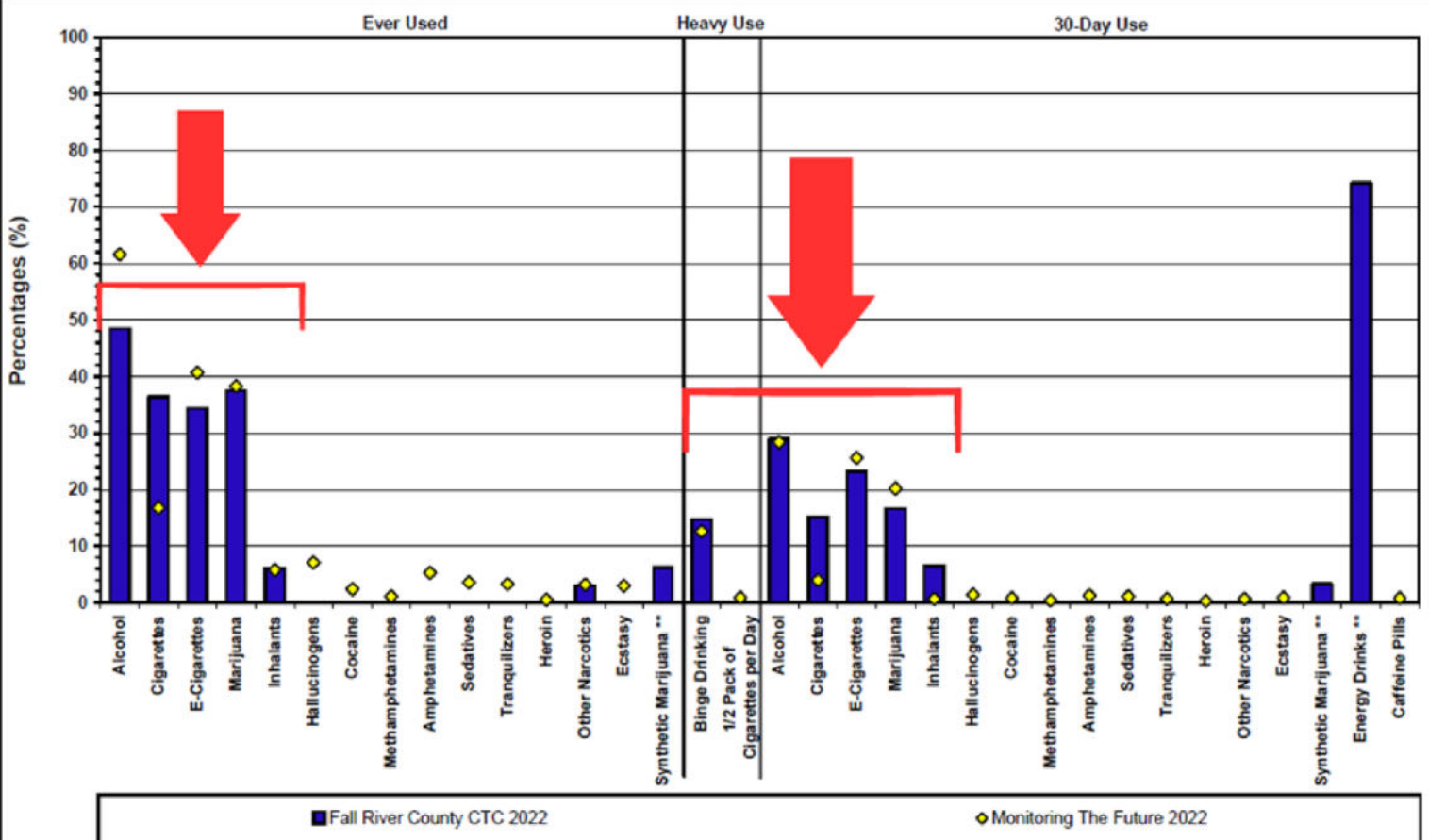
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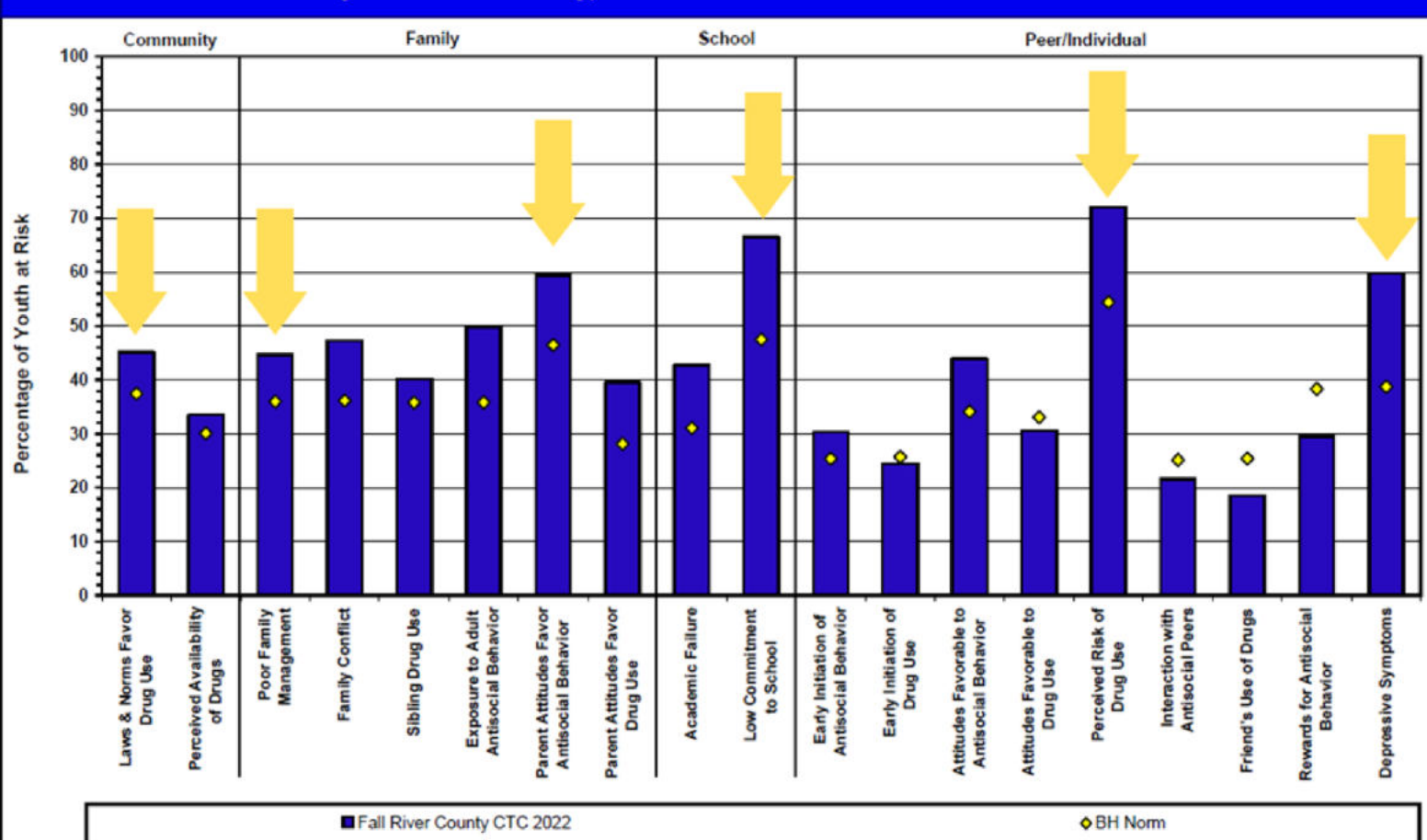
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Appendix D

RISK PROFILE

2022 Fall River County CTC Student Survey, All Grades



Appendix E

PROTECTIVE PROFILE

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