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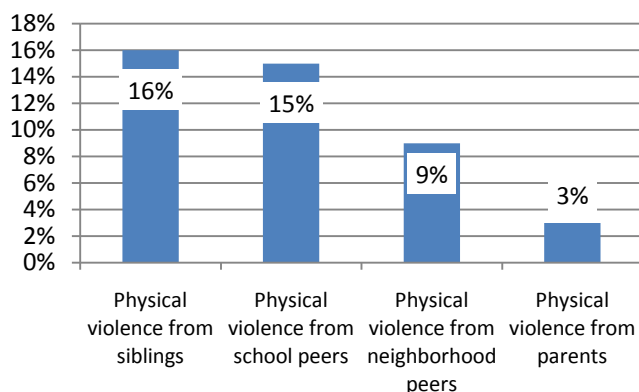
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Delaware Teens as Victims—Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence

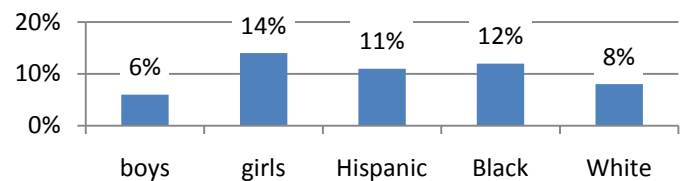
Ideally, every parent does their best to protect their child from harm. Unfortunately, in some cases families may be the source of harm. In Delaware, **18% of 11th grade students report being victims of physical violence in their own home in the past month** (3% from parents, 16% from siblings, some from both siblings and parents). In fact, students are more likely to report being victims of violence in their homes than outside their homes.

Sources of Violence Reported by Delaware 11th Graders



While boys are more likely than girls to be victims of violence in their neighborhood (13% vs. 6%) and at school (17% vs. 14%), girls are more likely than boys to experience violence at home (21% vs. 14%), with 19% of girls reporting being hit, kicked, or shoved by a sibling versus 12% of boys, and 4% of girls abused by parents versus 2% of boys.

Delaware High School Students Report Being Forced to have Sexual Intercourse



One in ten Delaware high school students reports on confidential surveys having been forced to have sexual intercourse.

Girls are over twice as likely as boys to report being forced. Black and Hispanic students appear to be more vulnerable to sexual assault than White students.

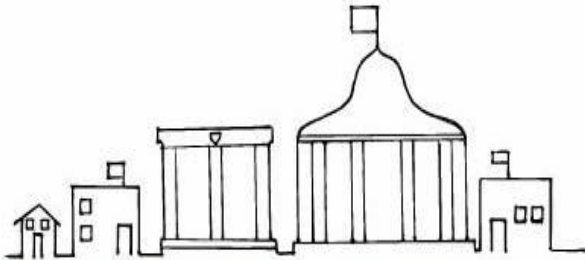
Teens who report being victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and/or victimization by peers are significantly more likely to also report using alcohol and drugs, doing poorly in school, behaving aggressively, committing property crimes and violent crimes, and being stopped or arrested by police.



University/Schools Alliance thanks the Delaware Drug and Alcohol Tracking Alliance (DDATA) for data analyses and other information. Information concerning substance use in Delaware for youth and adults is available at: www.udel.edu.delawaredata. Data from the 2009 Delaware Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the 2009 Delaware School Survey (University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies)

University/Schools Alliance is a coalition of New Castle County public, private and Diocese high school and the University of Delaware working together to:

- *Reduce substance use among Delaware secondary school students*
- *Create and support networks of students, parents, school and community sharing resources, strategies and support to sustain youth substance use reductions*



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Coalition Meetings:

February 17— Arcadia University 3:30 PM

March 10— Cooperative Extension 3:30 PM

Other Trainings and Events:

February-Seafood HS On Applebee Pond Puppet Training

March 12-ATK Health & Safety Fair

April 1-North Georgetown Tobacco Fair

April 23-Shue-Medill Health Fair

University/Schools Alliance is a federally funded Drug-Free Community (Office of National Drug Control Policy and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention). Data from the 2008 Delaware School Survey, University of Delaware, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies