Modern Teens in a Mad World: Curbing Risk and Promoting Healthy Choices

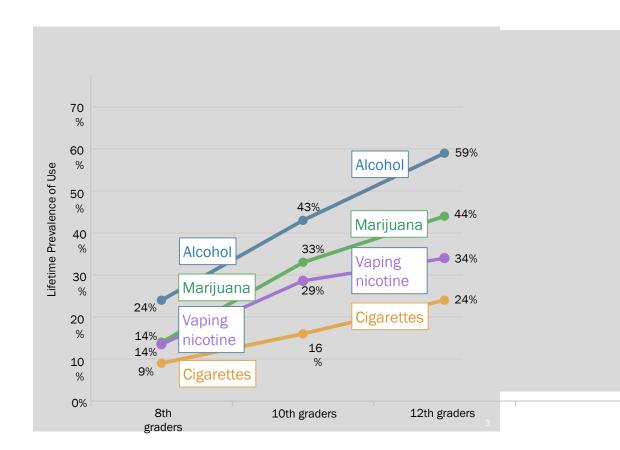
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Outline

- Adolescent alcohol and other drug use what does it look like?
- Addressing policy for e-cigarettes and marijuana
- Interventions targeting diverse youth
- Thinking outside the office

Alcohol and other drug use during the teen years – lifetime use



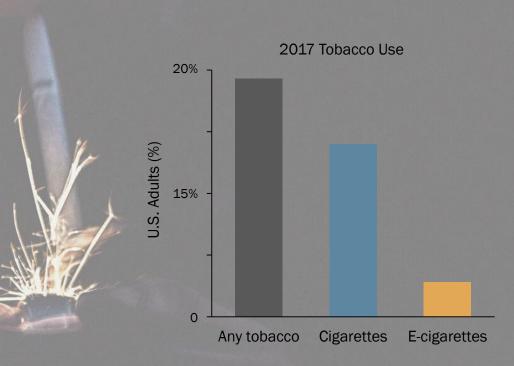
E-cigarettes have raised hopes about reducing tobacco-related harm





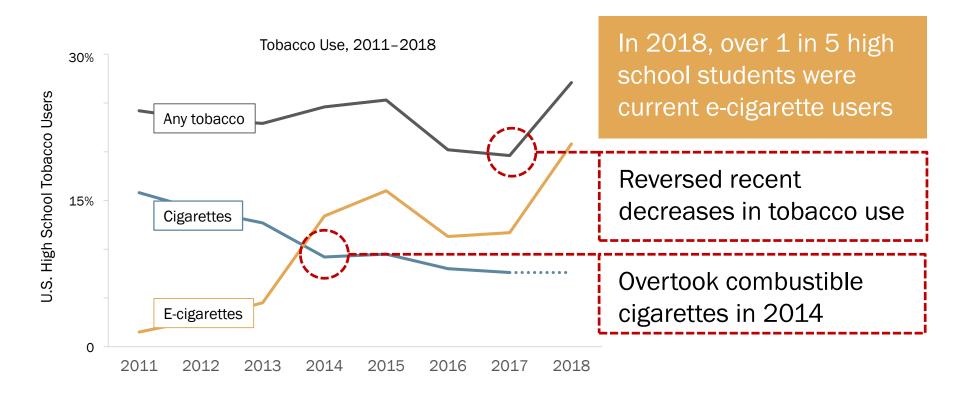
Thus far, e-cigarettes have not radically "transformed" tobacco use among adults

- Cigarettes remain the most popular tobacco product
- Most adults who use
 e-cigarettes are also current
 cigarette smokers
- Most smokers who use e-cigarettes to quit smoking... don't

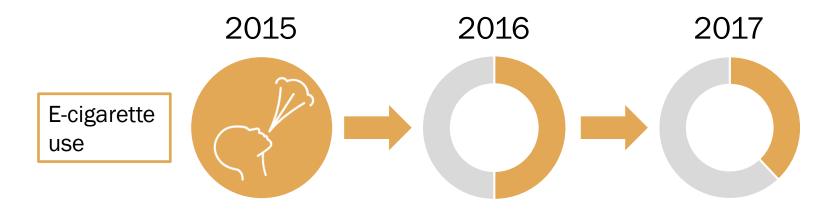


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But among teens, e-cigarette use has reached epidemic levels

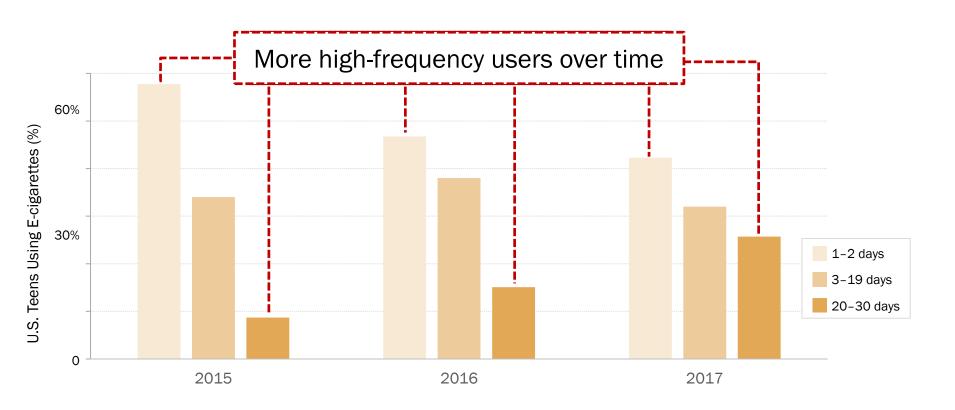


Addressing policy: E-cigarettes

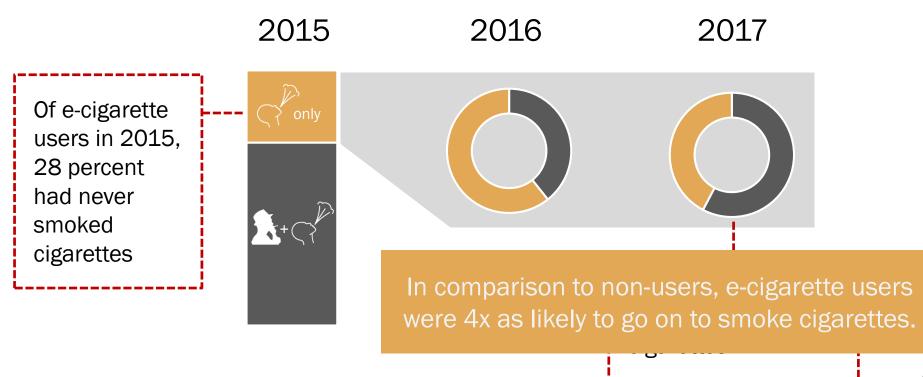


Not all who use e-cigarettes are just "experimenting": many continue to use over time

And high-frequency use becomes more common over time



For initial never-smokers, vaping e-cigarettes increases likelihood of smoking cigarettes in the future



Addressing policy: Marijuana

Changing landscape of how marijuana is used/viewed

How is advertising affecting adolescent use?

We surveyed 4,946 teens from 2010-2017 and assessed their exposure to advertising, marijuana use, cognitions, and consequences



Addressing policy: Marijuana

Greater exposure to medical marijuana advertising was significantly associated with:



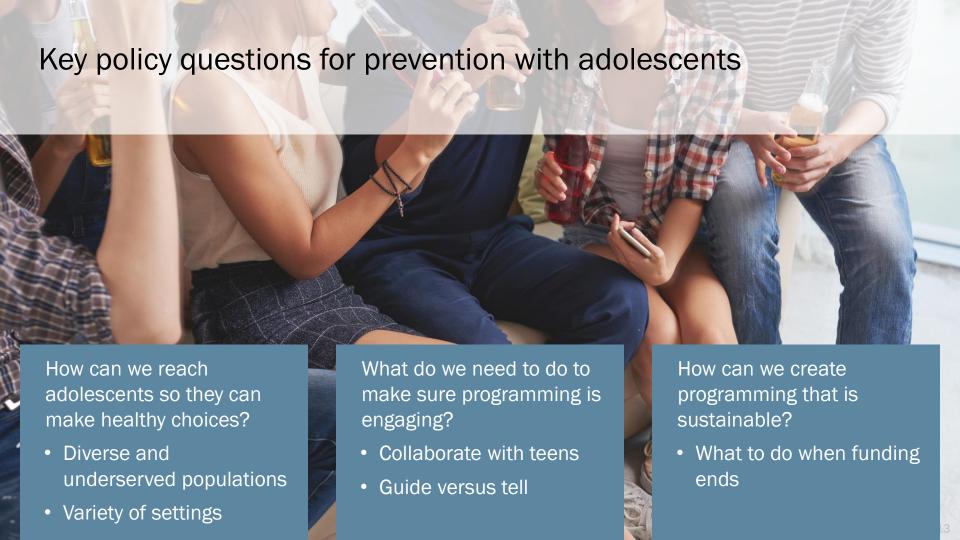
Greater marijuana use Stronger intentions to use one year later

Stronger positive beliefs about marijuana

Experiencing more marijuana consequences

Addressing policy: Marijuana





Key factors of influence



Interventions targeting diverse at-risk youth











- Young teens (middle school, ages 11-14)
- After school
- Cycles during school year

- Teens (ages 14-18)
- Primary care screening
- 15-minute intervention
- Urban Native
 American teens
 (ages 14-18)
- Cultural focus
- Three workshops

- Homeless young adults (ages 18-25)
- Drop-in centers
- Four workshops

- Teens (ages 14-18)
- Teen Court
- First time AOD offense



year

CHOICE sample

		N=4243
Gender		
Female	50	51
Male	50	49
Race/ethnicity		
Non-Hispanic White	14	17
Non-Hispanic African-American	3	4
Hispanic	56	52
Asian	16	17
Other	11	10
Grade		
6 th	31	34
7 th	32	34
8 th	37	32
Education		
Mother (> high school)	42	48
Father (> high school)	37	43

CHOICE outcomes one year later





Interventions targeting diverse at-risk youth: Project CHAT



Screening in four primary care settings

- ✓ Screened 1,573 youth
- √ 1 in 5 was "at risk"

At-risk teens randomized to CHAT or brochure

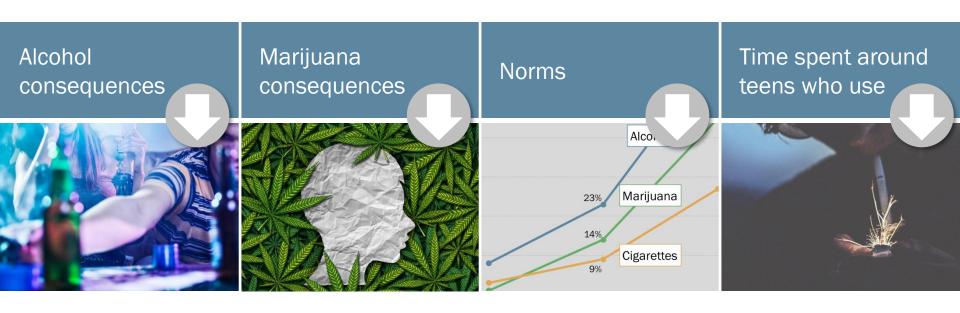
Follow-up surveys with youth at 3, 6, and 12 months

CHAT Sample

	Overall N=1573 Mean (SD) or N (%)	Age 12-14 N=498 Mean (SD) or N (%)	Age 15-18 N=1075 Mean (SD) or N (%)
Age	15.5 (1.9)	13.2 (0.8)	16.6 (1.1)
Gender			
Male	662 (42.5%)	235 (48%)	427 (40.1%)
Female	894 (57.5%)	255 (52%)	639 (59.9%)
Race/ethnicity			
White	232 (14.7%)	78 (15.7%)	154 (14.3%)
Black	420 (26.7%)	166 (33.3%)	254 (23.6%)
Hispanic	808 (51.4%)	209 (42%)	599 (55.7%)
Other/multiracial	113 (7.2%)	45 (9%)	68 (6.3%)
Prevalence: Past year use			
Alcohol use	655 (41.7%)	66 (13.3%)	589 (54.9%)
Heavy alcohol use	347 (22.1%)	24 (4.8%)	323 (30.1%)
Marijuana use	575 (36.6%)	77 (15.5%)	498 (46.4%)
Heavy marijuana use	302 (19.3%)	38 (7.7%)	264 (24.7%)
Prevalence: DSM-5 diagnosis			
Alcohol use disorder	61 (3.9%)	4 (0.8%)	57 (5.4%)
Cannabis use disorder	211 (13.6%)	23 (4.7%)	188 (17.8%)

Project CHAT outcomes one year later





Interventions targeting diverse at-risk youth: MICUNAY



Integrates traditional healing approaches with motivational interviewing

Three workshops on healthy choices for body, brain, spirit

Randomized to two cultural programs (no "control" group)

3- and 6-month surveys



Workshop Format

Each of the 3 workshops is 2 hours in length

Workshops begin with:

- Opening prayer (smudging)
- Establishing and reviewing ground rules
- Establishing and reviewing confidentiality
- Review of agenda

1-hour group MI session is followed by a 1-hour cultural activity

(except for Workshop 1, where the beading activity is started first to allow for more beading time)

Workshops are:

- Interactive
- Education-focused
- Introductory in nature

MICUNAY community wellness gathering



2 hour community event, held over dinner hour

Event begins with opening prayer

Focus on drumming, dancing, beading, story telling

Discussion of making healthy choices



MICUNAY sample demographics (N = 185)

	N	Percent		
Age				
14 years old	51	28		
15 years old	38	21		
16 years old	44	24		
17 years old	31	17		
18 years old	19	10		
Sex				
Male	90	49		
Female	95	51		
Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic/Latino(a)	83	45		
AI/AN	150	81		
Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander	8	4		
Black/African American	21	11		
White/Caucasian	32	17		
Other	8	4		
Education				
Mother (> high school)	120	80		
Father (> high school)	94	73		

MICUNAY outcomes one year later



Innovative youth interventions effectively reached youth across settings with minimal cost



- 15% population participated
- \$20 per student



- 15-minute intervention
- Continued effects after 1 year



- 2-hour cultural event
- Stable use over 6 months vs. increased use



Identify key community leaders for increased dissemination



Benjamin Hale (Navajo)



Kurt Schweigman (Oglala Dakota)



Janet King (Lumbee)



Dr. Carrie Johnson (Wahpeton Dakota)



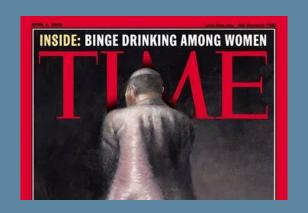
George Funmaker (Ho-Chunk/Dakota)



(Ahtna Athabaskan)

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To bridge the gap between research and practice, programming must be available and accessible





Bridging the gap also involves implementation in different settings

Schools and community settings





Underserved metropolitan areas





Questions?

