



2017 Needs Assessment Survey

Respondent Information

255 responses

12 high schools in five counties

Benzie Central
Frankfort
Mancelona

Elk Rapids
Glen Lake
St. Francis

Ellsworth
Kalkaska
TC Central

Forest Area
Leland
TC West

Included students from each grade level

9th Grade – 22.5%

10th Grade – 33.5%

11th Grade – 28.8%

12th Grade – 15.2%

Male respondents – 36.11%, Female respondents – 63.89%

Identified Needs

The top three identified needs include:

Stress and career/college pressure – 49.03%

Substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco, drugs) – 49.51%

Mental health issues (depression, anxiety, suicide) – 46.60%

Also in the top half of identified needs are:

Bullying (in and out of school)

Teen sexuality (STDs, pregnancy, etc.)

Basic needs (housing, heating, utilities)

Lack of opportunities outside school

Programs/Activities to Support

Top six, with at least 40% of respondents identifying:

Tutoring/mentoring services

Job development/employment skills programs

Programs that teach money management

Leadership activities/experiences

Arts, writing, music focused activities

Basic needs (housing, heating, utilities, etc.)

When is it most important activities be available (after school, weekends, summer or all equally important)?

Majority indicate that after school, weekends, and summer are equally important (65.69%), though 20.10% indicate after school is the most important.

How do students find out about activities, events, etc.?

Top four:

Friends – 28.64%

School announcements – 18.45%

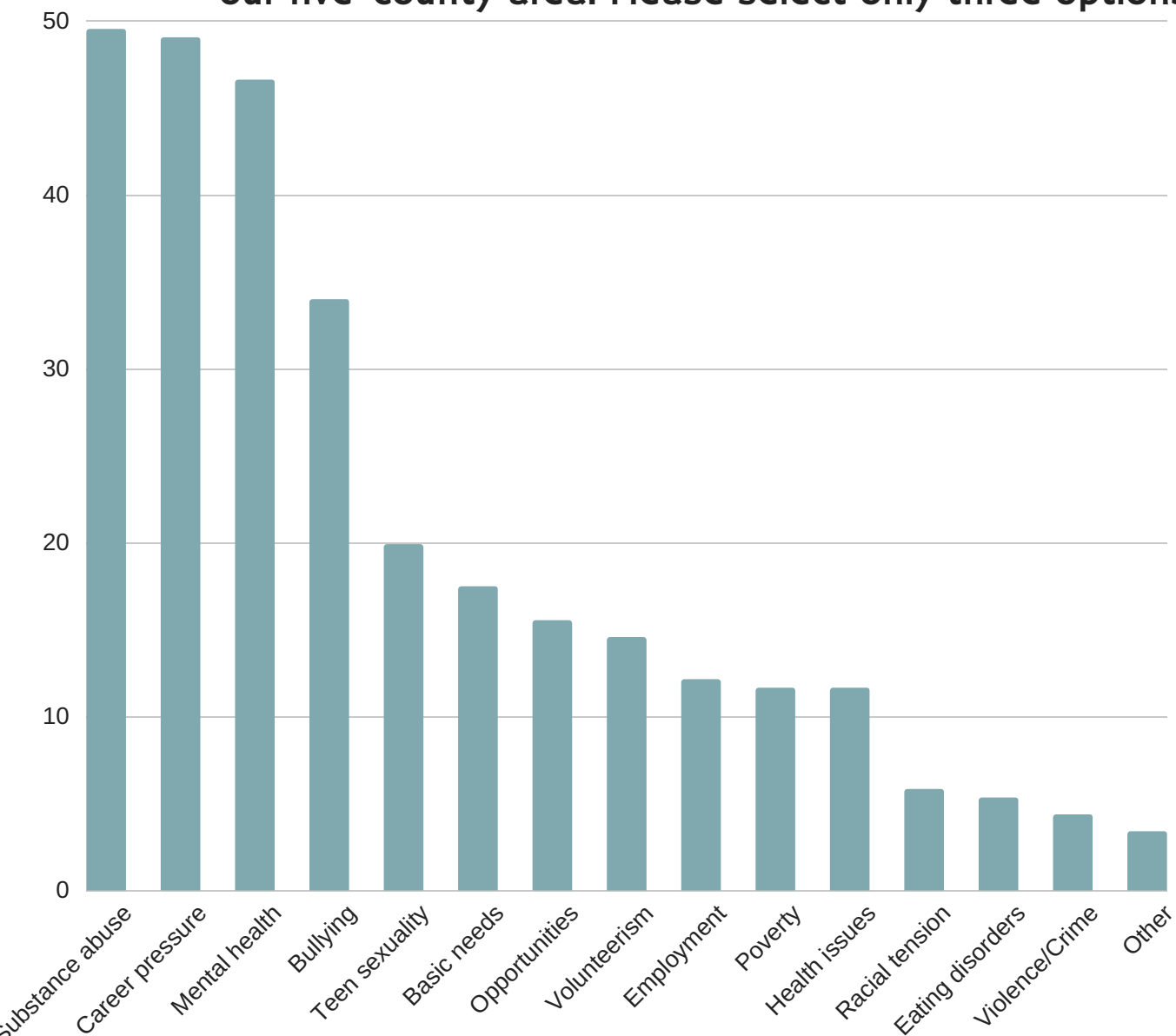
Facebook/Social Media – 34.47%

Parents – 6.31%



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Please select what you see as the top three most important issues you and your peers face as young people, specifically in our five-county area. Please select only three options.





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The Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) empowers youth to make annual grants to youth programs and activities in our five-county region. If you were given the opportunity to participate, which programs or activities would you fund (Please select those of interest- any or all).

