

BDAP Risk & Protective Factors

The following list of Risk and Protective Factors was adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP) in 2003.

Risk Factors

Community Domain

- Extreme Economic Deprivation
- Transition and Mobility
- Low Neighborhood Attachment and Community Disorganization
- Community Laws and Norms Favorable toward Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD), Firearms and Crime
- Availability of ATOD
- Media Portrayals of Violence
- Availability of Firearms

School Domain

- Early and Persistent Antisocial Behavior
- Lack of Clear Enforced Policy on the Use of ATOD
- Academic Failure Beginning in Late Elementary School
- Lack of Commitment to School
- Availability of ATOD

Individual/Peer Domain

- Early Initiation of Problem Behavior (Crime, ATOD use)
- Alienation and Rebelliousness
- Favorable Attitudes Toward the Problem Behavior
- Problem Behaviors
- Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior

Family Domain

- Family History of the Problem Behavior
- Family Management Problems
- Favorable Parental Attitudes Toward and Involvement in the Problem Behavior
- Family Conflict

Protective Factors

Community Domain

- Community Bonding
- Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards
- Community Supported Substance Abuse Prevention Efforts and Programs
- Availability of Constructive Recreation
- High Monitoring of Youth's Activities

School Domain

- Strong Classroom Management
- Norm of Positive Behavior
- Pro-Social Opportunities
- Social Bonding
- Social Skills Competency

- Academic Achievement
- Regular School Attendance

Individual/Peer Domain

- Social Competence
- Autonomy
- Sense of Purpose and Belief in a Bright Future
- Problem-Solving Ability

Family Domain

- Consistency in Rule Enforcement
- Reinforcement for Pro-Social Involvement
- High Parental Monitoring
- Strong Parental Bonding
- Strong Family Bonding
- Positive Family Dynamic
- No ATOD Use/Abuse
- Extended Family Networks

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