

DDAP Risk & Protective Factors

The following list of Risk and Protective Factors was adopted by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) 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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