

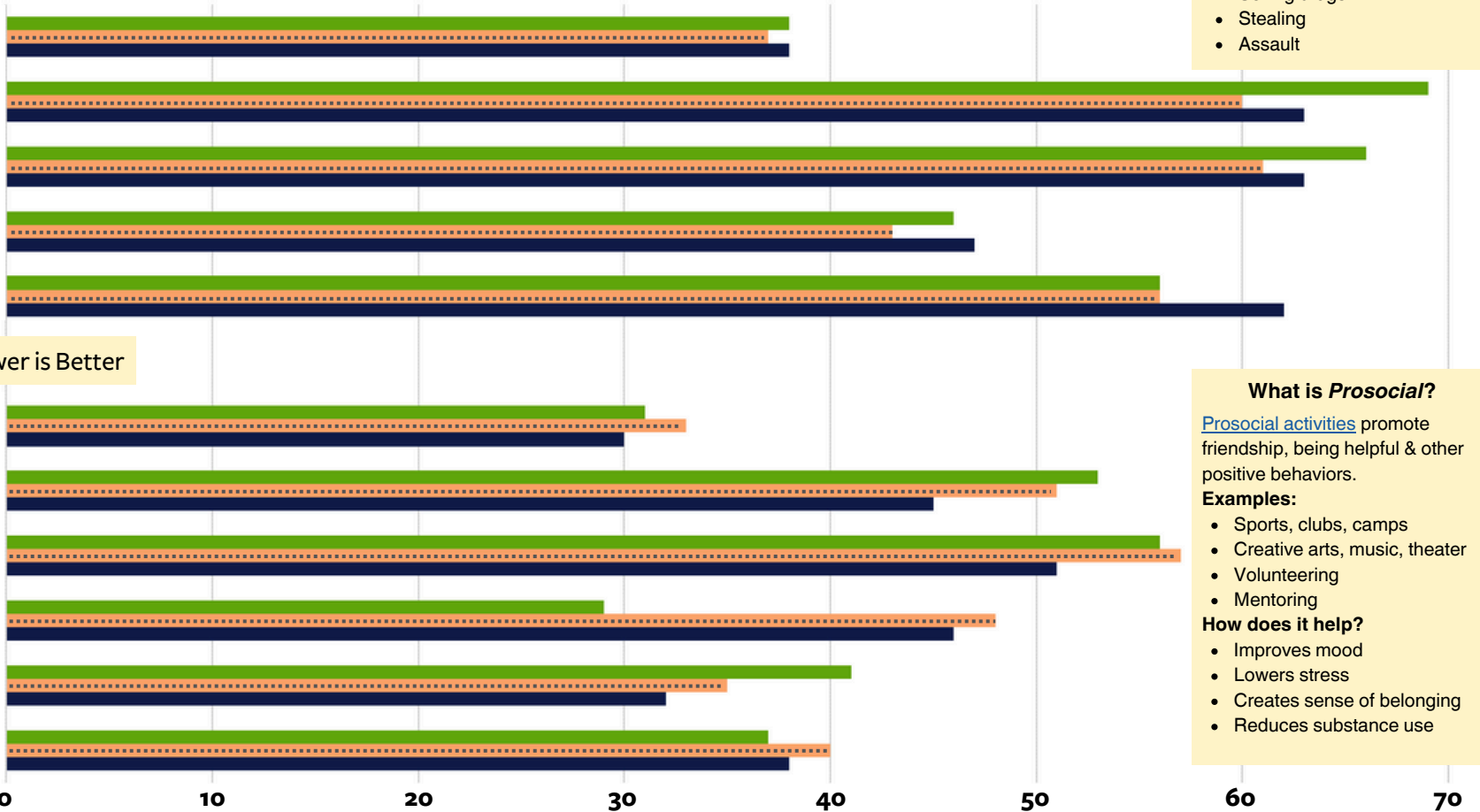
# PA Youth Survey for Lancaster County

## Risk & Protective Factors

Percentage of 6th, 8th, 10th & 12th Graders Self-Reporting from 2019-2023

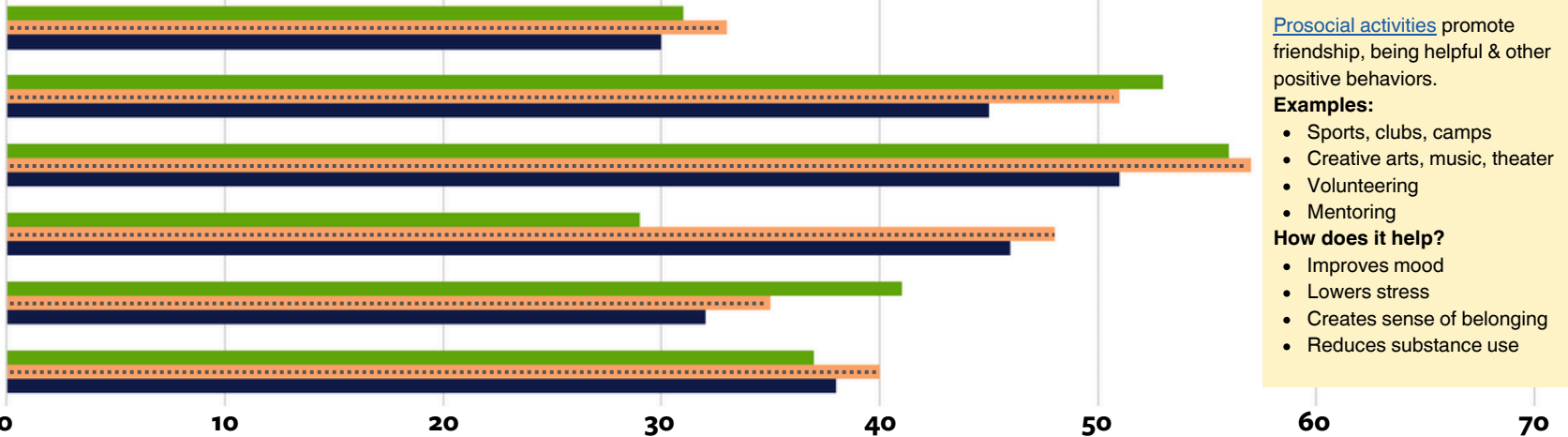
### PROTECTIVE FACTORS- Higher is Better

Community rewards for prosocial involvement  
Family attachment  
Family opportunities for prosocial involvement  
School opportunities for prosocial involvement  
Belief in the moral order



### RISK FACTORS- Lower is Better

Parent attitudes favorable toward drug use  
Parent attitudes favorable toward antisocial behavior  
Low commitment to school  
Low perceived risk of drug use  
Sensation seeking  
Depressive symptoms



#### What is Antisocial?

Antisocial behaviors go against community laws or norms and may include violence.

#### Examples:

- Illegal drug use
- Selling drugs
- Stealing
- Assault

#### What is Prosocial?

Prosocial activities promote friendship, being helpful & other positive behaviors.

#### Examples:

- Sports, clubs, camps
- Creative arts, music, theater
- Volunteering
- Mentoring

#### How does it help?

- Improves mood
- Lowers stress
- Creates sense of belonging
- Reduces substance use

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