

## ND PROBLEM STATEMENT CATEGORIES

### LOW AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES IN ND

- 34.7% of community members perceive the contribution of drug and alcohol use to crashes or injuries as a serious problem[CRS]
- 35.7% of community members perceive the contribution of drug and alcohol use to crime as a serious problem [CRS]
- 39.8% of key informants perceived that adult alcohol use was a serious problem and 58% perceived adult alcohol use was a minor to moderate problem. [CRS]

### HIGH LEVEL OF ADULT BINGE DRINKING

- ND is #1 among all states for binge drinking among individuals 18 years of age and older [NSDUH]

### HIGH LEVEL OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

- 44% of middle school and 73% of high school students have had at least 1 drink sometime in their life [YRBS]
- High level of underage binge drinking (High school: 30% reported binge drinking in past 30 days) [YRBS]
- There is a young age of initiation ( 6% of middle school students and 5% of high school students had 1<sup>st</sup> drink of alcohol before age 8) [YRBS]
- There is low perceived risk of harm of binge alcohol use/marijuana use (High school binge alcohol use: 12.5% no risk...27% slight risk...33.8% moderate...26.7% great - - - High school marijuana use: 24.1% no risk...27% slight risk...24% moderate...24% great) [YRBS]

### HIGH LEVEL OF YOUTH INHALANT USE

- 11% of middle school students have huffed [YRBS]
- Inhalants are the 2nd most used substance in middle school - 2nd to alcohol

### HIGH LEVEL OF PRESCRIPTION/OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG USE

- 6.3% of middle school students and 15% of high school students reported taking prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription (YRBS)
- 4.6% of middle school students and 13.3% of high school students reported taking over-the-counter drugs to get high (YRBS)