

# PYP's Teen Opinion Poll of Arizona Survey Results 2000

PYP, in partnership with Sahuarita High School, collected the Teen Opinion Poll - Arizona (TOP-AZ) surveys five years in a row (1997-2001). The 2001 TOP-AZ surveys were completed by **557 teens**, an **18% increase** over 2000. The students were asked to complete the 150-item survey that measured their perceptions and opinions about growing up in the area, as well as their attitudes about school, friends, and family. Some highlights include:



## PARENTS...

- 92% of teens surveyed feel that their parents care about them
- 89% of teens feel that their parents are good parents
- 70% of teens feel that their parents trust them



## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL...

Regular use of drugs/alcohol (every month or more):

- 24% of teens surveyed reported using alcohol
- 16% reported using marijuana
- 12% reported using cigarettes

**81% of those that reported heavy drinking characteristics also reported that they did not think they used alcohol too often**, and **43%** of those polled said that they had ridden with a driver who was drinking alcohol or using other drugs at least once.



## SEXUAL ACTIVITY...

- 42% of teens surveyed reported that they have had sex — **49%** of boys and **36%** of girls
- 70% of sexually-active teens report using contraception
- 42% of sexually-active teens always use condoms — **45%** of boys and **39%** of girls
- 19% use some other kind of birth control, like the birth control pill (a decrease of 8% from last year) — **17%** of boys and **20%** of girls
- 69%** of those surveyed felt that their **parents** think it's wrong for teens to have sex before marriage, but **35%** have never talked to their parents about sex or birth control
- 40%** of those surveyed felt teen pregnancy was accepted, but not encouraged, in their **community**



## WORRIES...

- 70% of teens surveyed worry "quite a bit" or "a lot" about getting good grades
- 59% worry about the relationship with their parents
- 50% worry about drugs or drinking in their family
- 40% worry about how they look
- 37% worry about their family having "enough to get by"
- 34% worry about getting a good job after high school
- 19% worry about getting AIDS, HIV, or another STD
- 18% worry about drugs or drinking in their family
- 18% worry about getting along with people of other ethnic groups
- 10% worry about discrimination
- 9% worry about gangs



## SCHOOL...

- 60% of teens surveyed reported that dropping out of high school was "not acceptable"
- 65% of boys and **81%** of girls report having plans for future education
- 42% of boys and **56%** of girls want to continue their education in a 4-year college or university