

2007 PA YOUTH SURVEY (PAYS) FACT SHEET

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- Letter notifying schools of fall administration mailed in May.
- Full recruiting to begin in August.
- Targeted statewide random sample size is 29,200 students in 232 schools.
- Statewide random sample includes ONLY grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. No statewide comparison data is available for odd grades.
- Sample schools (chosen randomly) will get a sample grade free plus one more grade free (must be an even numbered grade, 6, 8, 10, and 12).
- Volunteer schools can participate for \$1.30 per student and \$600 for the school report.
- Two versions of the survey are available, with and without family conflict questions.
- Enhancements have been incorporated into the new risk and protective factor measurement and scoring model.
- PAYS reports will recalculate historical risk and protective factor data with the new scoring model so schools and communities can track changes over time.
- The survey can be administered by paper and pencil or over the Internet by SmartTrack.
- Statewide survey administration cutoff date is December 4, 2007.
- We encourage all schools and communities to participate during the biennial statewide administration.
- PCCD Chief Counsel legal opinion available that confirms legality of using passive consent.