

Helpful resources:

- Crisis Intervention hotline
(888) 453-5900
- Drug, Alcohol, & Intervention referral hotline
(800) 987-1986 (24 hours)
- Parent Helpline
Information on parenting and coping
(800) 942-4357 (24 hours)
- SAMHSA Clearinghouse
Alcohol and drug information
(800) 729-6686
www.samhsa.gov
- Alcoholics Anonymous hotline
(248) 541-6565
www.aa.org
- Brighton Hospital
(500) 523-8198
www.stjohn.org
- Dawn Farm
(734) 485-8725
www.dawnfarm.org
- Growth Works
(734) 455-4095
- Livonia Counseling Center
(734) 744-0170
www.hegira.net
- Families Anonymous
(734) 776-5314
www.familiesanonymous.org
- Parents. The Anti Drug.
www.theantidrug.com



Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force
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The Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force is a grass roots effort to educate and empower the community in addressing the issues that affect the health and safety of our young people with a focus on alcohol and other drugs.



**ARE YOU
CONCERNED**

What to look for if you suspect your child is using drugs or alcohol

Do you notice sudden changes in behavior?

- Increased agitation, restlessness, irritability, argumentative, and confrontational
 - Unpredictable emotional outbursts including crying and rages
 - Appearing “spacey” or “out-of-it”
 - A marked increase in secretive behavior
 - Changes in eating and sleeping habits including a marked increase or decrease in sleep or appetite
 - Changes in friends by running with a new crowd of kids
 - Changes in physical appearance such as poor hygiene, red and puffy eyes, clothes and room smelling strongly of chemicals (could indicate youth is abusing inhalants)
 - The child has been lighting scented candles or burning a lot of incense in their bedroom
 - Slurred speech, abnormal gait, and is clumsy when previously coordinated
 - Finding strange items in the child's bedroom
- that previously were not present. This could include things such as lighters, glass pipes, Chore Boy or Brillo pads, rolling papers, cardboard tubing, cloth or dryer sheets taped or fastened to other items. These may indicate drug paraphernalia.
- Money is missing from your purse or wallet, and valuable household items are missing as well.

What are commonly used and abused drugs?

- Alcohol contribute to feelings of euphoria and are typically easier for youth to obtain than street drugs. “Robotripping” is the slang term for drinking Robitussin to get high.
- Inhalants such as glue, gasoline, canned oxygen, or CO₂ gas (found in Reddi Whip cans)
- Marijuana is commonly used in the forms of “bowls, joints, bongs, swishers, or blunts.” Blazing is a commonly used slang term for smoking marijuana.
- Robitussin, Coreciden, or other over-the-counter medicines. These medicines contain alcohol and other drugs that
- Cocaine, including powder and crack rocks, referred to as “smoking rocks”
- Xanax, Ativan, and Valium
- Heroin is often called “china, white, smack, junk, horse, skag, or H.” “Cheese” is a combination of black tar heroin and Tylenol PM, which is a new trend identified in 2005.
- Prescription pills from the family medicine cabinet, including your medications
- Ecstasy or other club drugs commonly referred to as “x, pills, rolls, e-tarts, ADAM, go, speed for lovers, love drug, hug drug, or scooby snacks”

If your youth tests positive for drugs or alcohol:

In the event of a positive result, parents are encouraged to seek treatment independently. The Livonia Police Department requests that you do not bring youth in for criminal reprimand or intervention.

- For insured youth, call the number listed on the back of your insurance card, “Customer Service,” for benefits and referral information.
- For uninsured youth in Wayne County, call SEMCA at (800) 686-6543 or visit semca.org
- For uninsured youth in Oakland County, call PACE at (248) 858-5200

If your youth tests negative:

If your youth tests negative and is displaying concerning behaviors, seek professional help immediately as this could indicate another serious problem or mental health concern.

To locate drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs nearest you, visit the SAMHSA Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator: <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov>