

Why We're Doing It

Based on the higher self-reported rates of alcohol consumption among our youth, Oak Park and River Forest has been identified as one of nine communities in Illinois most in need of programs that address underage drinking. In 2016, 30% of 8th to 12th graders in Oak Park and River forest reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days*.

There are significantly negative consequences associated with underage drinking, as youth consume alcohol in addition to lifelong health and wellness implications. A growing number of local leaders and other community members are working together to combat this problem.

**Illinois Youth Survey*