



*A Policy Research Partnership
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Purpose of the Initiative:

- To evaluate the impact of:
 - *Policies*
 - *Programs*
 - *Practices*

- Addressing various types of substances:
 - *Alcohol Use*
 - *Illicit Drug Use*
 - *Tobacco Use*

- At various levels:
 - *State*
 - *Community*
 - *School*
 - *Individual*

A Collaborative Effort that Integrates Across:

- Multiple substances
- Multiple disciplines
- Multiple centers and collaborators
- Multiple levels of social organization
 - Multiple data sources



Structure of the Samples

- Half-sample of MTF schools cycling out of the national sample
 - c. 215 schools per year
 - National replicate sample
- Administrators in those schools surveyed
- Community data collected from their catchment areas
 - Observational studies of retail outlets
 - Key informant interviews in the community
 - Other existing archival data
- State legislative and other data are collected on all states

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**Monitoring the
Future (MTF)**

**Youth, Education and
Society (YES!)**



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ImpacTeen

**Coordinating Center and
Community Data Collections**
UIC

**Alcohol Policy Research
Team**
U of MN

**Illicit Drug Policy Research
Team**
Andrews U

**Tobacco Policy Research
Team**
Roswell Park

Coordinating Center and Community ATOD Policy Research Center

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Frank Chaloupka, PI
 - Brian Flay, Co-PI
 - Sandy Slater, Deputy Director
 - Dianne Barker
 - Melanie Wakefield
 - Jenny Williams
- Coordination of all ImpacTeen components
 - Responsible for all Community Data collections
 - Community Observations
 - Key Informant Interviews
 - Archival Data

Policy Research Teams on Alcohol, Illicit Drugs, and Tobacco

- Original data archiving
- Collection and database organization of existing archival data
- Participate in school and community surveys
- Rapid Response studies
- Analyze and write from combined data sets (often collaboratively with other teams)

Alcohol Policy Research Team

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- Alexander Wagenaar, PI
- Eileen Harwood, Co-PI
- Darin Erickson
- Rhonda Jones-Webb
- Traci Toomey

Illicit Drug Policy Research Team

Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI

- Duane McBride, PI
- Rosalie Liccardo Pacula, Co-PI (RAND)
- Jamie Chriqui (MayaTech)
- Richard Clayton (U of Kentucky)
- Curtis VanderWaal

Tobacco Policy Research Team

Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY

- Gary Giovino, PI
- Michael Cummings
- Andrew Hyland
- Mike Smith
- Cindy Tworek

YES! Youth, Education and Society

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- Lloyd Johnston, PI
- Patrick O'Malley, Co-PI
- Jerry Bachman
- John Schullenberg
- Revathy Kumar

➤ School-level:

- Surveys of school administrators

➤ Student-level:

- *Monitoring the Future* surveys of 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students
- Rapid Response school surveys

Evaluating Natural Experiments

- At any of three levels of social organization:
State, Community, and School
- Comparison data from MTF national samples
(grades 8, 10, & 12)
- Type of design
 - Cross-sectional analyses
 - Repeated cross-sectional analyses
 - Before-after change in school panels
- Occasionally supplementary school samples:
Rapid Response
 - Life Skills Training (LST) Evaluation
 - Alcohol Hotline Evaluation

