



# COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA ANALYSIS



# ABOUT THE SURVEY

- administered every two years
- initially created in preparation for our DFC Grant application
- updated regularly to reflect current needs and trends



# KEY HIGHLIGHTS

# HIGHEST RISK FACTORS FOR UNDERAGE CANNABIS USE

- It's easy for youth to get cannabis - 52.63% (a lot)
- Parents/caregivers don't talk to their kids about the risks - 46.15% (a lot)
- Adults do not know about the health risks of underage cannabis use - 42.86% (some)
- Adults accept or tolerate youth using cannabis - 39.24% (a lot)
- Youth do not have clear purpose or goals - 37.18% (some)
- Adults do not know that it is illegal for youth under 21 to use cannabis - 33.33% (some)
- Youth believe it is legal for them to use cannabis - 30.77% (some)



**"Adults do not know about the health risks of underage cannabis use."**

**2023**

35.06% – A lot

**2021**

36.36% – A lot

**2019**

N/A

**"Adults do not know that it is illegal for youth under 21 to use cannabis."**

**2023**

6.41% – A lot (33.33% Some)

**2021**

22.08% – A lot (24.68% Some)

**2019**

22.22% – A lot (30.56% Some)

# "Adults accept or tolerate youth using cannabis."

**2023**

39.24% – A lot

**2021**

32.47% – A lot

**2019**

47.89% – A lot

**"Parents/caregivers don't talk to their kids about the risks of underage cannabis use."**

**2023**

46.15% – A lot

**2021**

48.05% – A lot

**2019**

N/A

**"It's easy for youth to get cannabis."**

**2023**

52.63% – A lot

**2021**

43.42% – A lot

**2019**

N/A

**"Youth do not have clear purpose or goals."**

**2023**

37.18% – Some (29.49% A lot)

**2021**

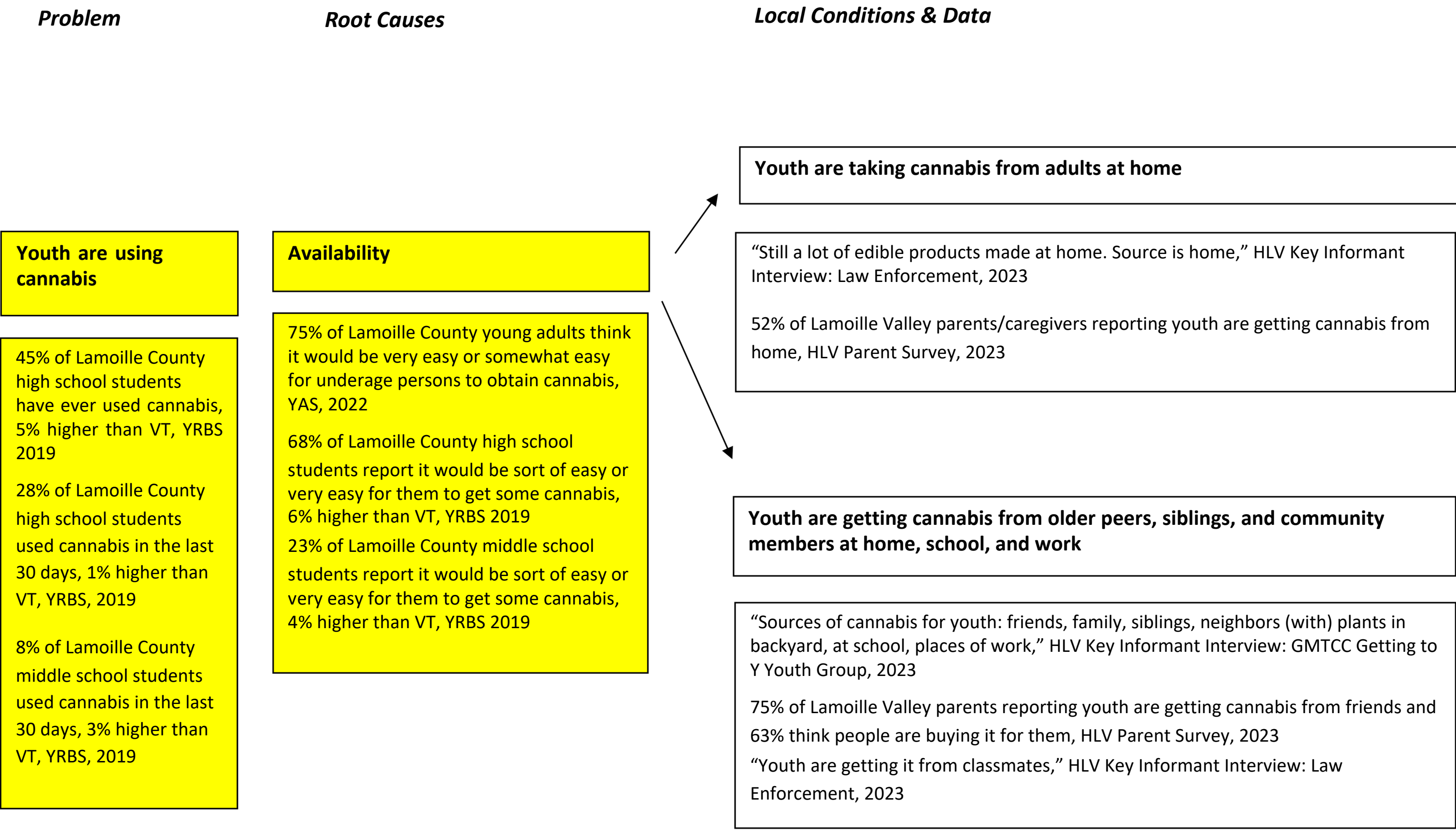
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**2019**

N/A

# Logic Model: Cannabis

Coalition Name: Healthy Lamoille Valley



## ***Root Causes***

### **Favorable attitudes of parents**

31% of Lamoille County high school students don't think that their parents or guardians feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to use cannabis, 6% higher than VT, YRBS 2019

11% of Lamoille County middle school students don't think that their parents or guardians feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to use cannabis, 3% higher than VT, YRBS 2019

Parents think cannabis is safer than alcohol, HLV Key Informant Interview: Medical, 2023

## ***Local Conditions & Data***

**Parents and community members use cannabis openly in the community outside the purview of the law at parks and public spaces**

77% of Lamoille Valley parents have seen or smelled cannabis in public outdoor spaces or at community events in the last year, HLV Parent Survey, 2023

9 out of 15 Lamoille Valley communities are without clear signage stating that public consumption of cannabis is illegal, HLV Community Scan, 2023

**Students are getting cannabis from parents for “medicinal purposes” in the home and then they share with their friends**

38% of Vermont cannabis users mainly use for both medical and non-medical reasons, VT BRFSS, 2021

“Parents are not sharing that cannabis can be harmful and have lax rules around youth use leading to increased youth use,” HLV Key Informant Interview: Medical, 2023

## ***Root Causes***

### **Favorable attitudes of youth**

82% of Lamoille County high school students don't think that people greatly risk harming themselves if they use cannabis regularly, 5% higher than VT, YRBS, 2019

54% of Lamoille County middle school students don't think that people greatly risk harming themselves if they use cannabis regularly, 3% higher than VT, YRBS, 2019

16% Lamoille County high school students drove a car or other vehicle after using cannabis in the past 30 days, 1% higher than VT, YRBS, 2019

## ***Local Conditions & Data***

**Students are vaping cannabis (and nicotine) at school (in bathrooms, cars in parking lot, woods, events, and in the open) during the school day and after school**

"Youth are using in the bathrooms, cars, woods, out in the open, at events", HLV Key Informant Interview: Educators, 2022

16 Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP) referrals for youth cannabis use, Lamoille Restorative Center data, 2021-2022

### **Youth are using at home with family**

"Parents are using at home...there are a lot of permissive attitudes towards use and parents see it as a harm reduction technique," HLV Key Informant Interview: Medical, 2023

"Youth are getting and using cannabis at home with parents. Parents believe it is safer," HLV Key Informant Interview: Law Enforcement, 2023

# Related Results from June's Strategic Planning Event



- Youth education of risks
- More information on the dangers
- Public service announcements
- More data on impairment impacts on users
- People oblivious to the law
- Not having education mostly [just] be available as punishment (make it proactive)

- Buffer zones – regulations around where events can be
- More parent education and engagement
- Consequences for adults providing or allowing youth to use
- Providing substance use education in school (overcoming misconceptions)
- Provide alternative substance free activities and opportunities

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# Discussion Time!