

Press Release
January 15, 2007

The Acton-Boxborough Community Alliance for Youth (CAFY, Inc.), in collaboration with the Acton and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, is sponsoring a presentation of the results of the **2006 Youth Risk Behavior Survey**. There will be a panel discussion of the findings followed by a question and answer opportunity.

Date: February 7, 2007

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Location: R.J. Grey Junior High School Auditorium

There will be a presentation of the YRBS results by Statistician Jim Byrne, followed by a panel discussion with pediatrician Dr. Jessica Rubenstein, A/B Counselor Stephen Hitzrot, Dr. Carolyn Imperato, A/B Wellness Coordinator and Acton Youth Officer Keith Campbell. Craig Hardimon, Principal of R.J. Grey Junior High and representatives from Acton elementary schools will also present information about new school programs aimed at targeting risky behaviors.

The Department of Education requires towns to engage in local Needs Assessments to assist in identifying targets for health education curriculum and instruction. Through collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Education, Emerson Hospital and five surrounding communities, the Acton and Acton-Boxborough districts administered the fourth **Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)** to sixth and eighth grade students, as well as high school students in the spring of 2006. The **YRBS** collected information regarding students' alcohol and drug use, sexual activity, emotional and personal safety, and other at-risk behaviors. Data from the surveys has been compiled to assist the Acton and Acton-Boxborough schools with planning and obtaining funding for adolescent health initiatives.

CAFY encourages all parents and community members to attend and participate in this important event!