Problem Statement and Community Needs Assessment– Underage Drinking (Broward County, Florida)

Problem Statement: **Serious lifelong consequences are linked to alcohol use by Broward County children and youth including one out of two early drinkers becoming alcohol dependent in adulthood. (Source: NIAAA Epidemiological Survey on Alcohol & Related Conditions)**

Substance Related Consequence

Early initiation of alcohol use dramatically increases the probability of an alcohol or other drug dependency problem in adulthood. (NIAAA and SAMHSA's NSDUH)

There are an estimated 11,216 youth aged 12-20 years with an Alcohol Use Disorder living in Broward County (NSDUH Sub-State Data)

The annual cost of underage drinking related motor vehicle crashes in Broward County is **$43,979,000** (University of Miami Economic Impact Study)

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Substance Use Behavior

12,682 (or 18.6%) Broward County high school students and 2,563 (or 5.7%) Broward County middle school students report current alcohol use in past 30 days ((2018 FYSAS).

16.8% of Broward County high school youth (n=11,455) had their first drink of alcohol by the age of 13 or younger (2018 FYSAS).

10.6% of Broward County high school youth (n=7,227) have ridden with a drinking driver in the past 30 days and 3.6% (n=2,455) have driven after drinking alcohol (2018 FYSAS).

Intervening Variables

Adults Favorable Attitudes

Children and Youth Favorable Attitudes

Social Access

Retail Access

Local Contributing Factors

52% of Broward adults do not think that people have a great risk of harming themselves when they have five or more drinks of alcohol (binge drinking) once or twice a week (2013 BRFSS)

Two-thirds of Broward County high school students who drink alcohol reported their usual drinking location within the past 30 days was their own home (23%) or another person's home (45%) (2018 FYSAS)

5 % of high school students in Broward County believe their parents don't think it is wrong for youth to drink alcohol daily (2018 FYSAS)

Parents and caregivers in Broward County are not aware that, according to research, 47% of those who had their first drink of alcohol by age 13 will have an alcohol dependency problem sometime in their adult life. (Focus Group)

26,024 (or 23 %) Broward County middle and high school students report that it is not wrong for someone their age to drink alcohol regularly (2018 FYSAS)

58,836 (or 52%) middle & high school students in Broward County do not consider the daily use of alcohol as harmful (2018 FYSAS)

13,578 (or 12 %) middle & high school students in Broward County believe their friends don't think it is wrong for them to drink alcohol daily (2018 FYSAS)

Among Broward County high school students who drink alcohol, 36% reported that their usual source for alcohol in the past 30 days was someone else gave it to them and 8% reported that someone else bought alcohol for them and (2018 FYSAS)

Among Broward County male high school students who drink alcohol, 8% report their usual source was to buy alcohol in a store; (2018 FYSAS)

Among Broward County female high school students who drink alcohol, 8% report that their usual source was to buy alcohol in a restaurant, bar, club, or pubic event (2018 FYSAS).