

## 2018 Regional Needs Assessment Key Findings

PRC Region 3 is made up of Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise counties.

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### The GOOD:



- Region 3 students report "Do not know" less often than Texas student averages in response to the question "How do your parents feel about kids your age using \_\_\_?" for tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana!
- Region 3 students report "Strongly disapprove" more often than Texas student averages for tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana!
- Region 3 students receiving "A" grades reported less drug use in all drug categories than students who receive grades lower than "A".
- Region 3 has seen a large **decrease of bath salt use** based on Poison Control Center calls, from 44 in 2011 to 3 calls in 2015.

### The BAD:



- **41.7% of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students** in Region 3 reported having smoked marijuana at least once in their lifetime.
- The number of homeless students in Region 3 has risen **8.8% from the 2014-15 to 2015-16 School year**.
- 14 of the 19 Region 3 counties have **higher suicide rates** than the state rate (exceptions are Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, and Tarrant counties).
- The **upward trend of electronic cigarette use** in Region 3 is highlighted by e-cig related Poison Control calls, which have increased from only 1 call in 2010 to **203** calls in 2015.
- Region 3 reported 231 **DUI-related crash fatalities** in 2016, 11.3% (26) of which occurred in victims 21 years of age or younger.
- **50.5 % of Students** in Region 3 Students reported it is "Very" or "Somewhat" easy to get alcohol.

### & MARIJUANA:



- Marijuana represented the majority of Region 3 **drug trafficking** arrests at 83.38% in 2014.
- 73% of Texas **college students** who report that they continue to use drugs since entering college say they typically use marijuana.
- **Marijuana/Hashish** is the overwhelming drug of dependence for youth substance abuse treatment admissions in Region 3.
- In 2016, there were **5,355 solid pounds** of marijuana seized in Region 3 drug trafficking arrests.
- **38% of Region 3 Students** reported marijuana being "Very" or "Somewhat" **easy** to get.