



## Why taking the Comprehensive Version of the Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey **IS** important...

- The KCTC survey takes multiple environmental factors into account collecting information from four domains relevant to student's lives: Community, Family, Peer/Individual, and School. Using ALL domains strengthens our understanding of youth behavior, perception and attitudes.
- We know that students are influenced by many factors and behavior and attitudes do not develop in isolation. What happens at home, affects youth performance and behavior at school. What happens in our schools can affect youth attitudes toward the community, and vice-versa.
- It is critical that we look at the whole picture to determine the most appropriate approaches to focus prevention efforts.
- Research studies have shown that academic performance is affected by a whole host of risk factors, including poor family management, opportunities for involvement in positive family activities and rewards for involvement in positive family activities. These factors affecting students' school performance cannot be measured and taken into consideration unless the comprehensive KCTC is administered.
- Scale scores for all domains provide useful information for districts and counties and include both risk AND protective factors. Family protective factors are positive family attributes that act as a buffer against negative risk factors.
- When all schools within a district participate in the comprehensive version, it increases the power of the district data. In turn, when all districts and counties participate in the comprehensive version it further increases the power of the data to increase our understanding of Kansas youth both locally and across the state.
- Certain grants and other additional funds may be tied specifically to data collected from the Family domain.
- 69% of all Kansas districts participating in the KCTC survey administer the comprehensive version.

