

**Problem:**

**Underage drinking among youth in Weakley County**

27% 30-day use (TTSS, 8-12 Grade, 2018)  
40% 30-day use (TTYAS, 18-21 yo, 2018)  
84 MIP Citations (Juvenile Court, 2019)

**Root Cause:  
Favorable Parental Attitudes**

68% students report parent disapproval (TTSS, 8-12 Grade, 2018)  
13% parents report having friends who allow youth under 21 to use alcohol (Parent Survey, 2020)

**Root Cause:  
Retail Access**

22% students report alcohol is easy to access (TTSS, 8-12 Grade, 2018)  
13% minors report friends who have purchased alcohol at a retail establishment (Focus Group, 2020)

**Root Cause:  
Favorable Youth Attitude**

37% students report peer disapproval (TTSS, 8-12 Grade, 2018)  
7% students report peer disapproval (TTYAS, 18-21 yo, 2018)

**Local Condition: Kids host large gatherings at their family residence, with parents provide alcohol on weekends**

83% students say that parents provided alcohol (TTSS, 2018)  
Kids report their peers get alcohol at friends' houses (Focus Group, 2020)

**Local Condition: Parents host parties as a rite of passage and provide alcohol to youth (prom, graduation, senior night)**

24% students have friends whose parents have provided alcohol at celebratory events (Focus Group 2020)  
3# adults arrests for 3 social host violations/contributing to the delinquency of a minor (Weakley County Sheriff, 2019)  
10% parents think it is ok to provide alcohol to their child for a rite of passage (Parent Survey, 2020)

**Local Condition: Retailers sell alcohol to minors at off-premise establishments; clerks look at ID and sell anyway (no id check)**

2 off-premise alcohol compliance check failures (MPD, 2020)  
7% youth report getting alcohol at retail establishment (TTSS, 2018)

**Local Condition: Bars/restaurants serve alcohol to minors**

4 on-premise alcohol compliance check failures (MPD, 2020)  
37% young adults who report getting alcohol at a bar/restaurant (TTYSA, 2018)

**Local Condition: In our college town, young adults use fake IDs/passports from other states/countries**

17% young adults who know someone with a fake ID (UTM Focus Group, 2020)  
37% young adults who report getting alcohol at a bar/restaurant (TTYSA, 2018)

**Local Condition: Students drink together while riding/driving in a car and hang out in parking lots to sober up before going home**

- 26.8% youth have ridden in a car driven by someone intoxicated by alcohol or drugs (TTSS, 2018)
- 3 DWI violations for underage (Juvenile Court, 2020)
- Kids hang out in the back of the parking lot at the back of the big box store when they've been drinking (Focus Group, 2020)

**Local Condition: Parents share sips of their drinks with their kids at restaurants**

- 3% students use at restaurants (TTSS, 2018)
- 5% students report peers have had sips at restaurants with parents (Focus Group, 2020)
- 5% parents who know other parents who allow their child to have a sip of their alcoholic drink at a restaurant (Parent Survey, 2020)

**Local Condition: Youth bring alcohol to school in water bottles**

- 19 school violations for use/possession (WCS, 2019-2020)
- 6% use at school (TTSS, 2018)
- 3% students have seen peers use at school (Focus Group, 2020)

**Local Condition: Youth sneak unmonitored alcohol that is available in the home**

- 11% students who use at home (TTSS, 2018)
- -18% peers sneak alcohol at home (Focus Group, 2020)
- 56% parents have alcohol unlocked/unmonitored at home (Parent Survey, 2020)

**WEAKLEY COUNTY  
PREVENTION COALITION**