

DID YOU KNOW?

The 2009 dropout rate for local schools was 7.3% compared to the state dropout rate of 4.3%

24.7% of area children under the age of eighteen are below the poverty level according to Missouri Kids Count 2009

The age of initiation for youth in our community for alcohol and cigarettes is 10.85

The age of initiation for youth in our community for marijuana is 13

Twenty percent of 9th graders report using marijuana in the past 30 days

Children and youth from low-income families are less likely to participate in sports and recreation programs after school

By Supporting **FULL POTENTIAL**

**Youth Sports Initiative
you can help to
change these statistics!**

Students who spend one to four hours a week in extracurricular activities are 49% less likely to use drugs than students who do not participate.

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