

# Delaware DATA

Delaware Drug and Alcohol Tracking Alliance

July 2017



Volume 13 Issue 1

## Delaware 11<sup>th</sup> Graders Who Report Parents Show They Are Proud Also Report Lower Rates of Drinking

Parental involvement—and the lack of it—has been widely associated with adolescents’ engagement in risk behaviors, such as underage drinking. The 2016 Delaware School Survey (DSS) asked 11<sup>th</sup> graders to report how often their parents showed that they were proud of them. As the chart below illustrates, students who reported that their parents showed they were proud frequently were less likely to report drinking during the previous month than students who reported that their parents rarely showed they were proud of them. Over three out of four students (77%) who believed that their parents were *always or almost always* proud of them reported not drinking alcohol in the past month, compared to almost two out of three (64%) students who reported their parents *never or almost never* showed them that they were proud.

