

## **Substance Abuse Facts:**

- ◆ **Delinquent acts and substance abuse most always goes hand and hand.**
- ◆ **Substance abuse contributes to higher rates of delinquency, early sexual activity and pregnancy.**
- ◆ **Substance abuse contributes to poor decision making, poor peer group interaction, and anti-social behaviors**

# Substance Abuse Facts (continued):

## *Risk Factors for Substance Abuse:*

- ◆ No single factor.
- ◆ Early conduct problems are associated.
- ◆ Children and adolescents think drugs and alcohol will lead to more social interaction.
- ◆ Greater negative life events and stress can lead to drug and alcohol use.
- ◆ Children of D&A using parents are more susceptible to use.
- ◆ Genetics can also contribute to the likelihood of substance abuse.