

**Kanawha Communities That Care
Invites you to attend a Town Hall Meeting**

Topic: Preventing Underage Drinking

When: Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Time: Noon-2:00 p.m.

Where: South Charleston Public Library (Meeting Rooms A and B)

This is a free event that is open to the public. A free catered lunch will be provided.

When people hear the phrase “underage drinking,” they often think of teenagers using alcohol. Nearly 1 out of every 7 10th graders (14.4 percent) and about 2 out of every 7 12th graders (27.6 percent) reported being drunk at least once in the last month.¹

The prevalence of underage drinking increases with age, making it more important than ever to begin teaching youth at an early age about the dangers of alcohol.

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is to increase community awareness on the issue of underage drinking, identify how underage drinking affects the community, and brainstorm possible solutions. The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, officials, youth, and other community members to voice their concerns and suggest ideas for preventing young people from using alcohol.

Tentative Agenda

- Registration
- Welcome/Introductions
- Featured Speakers
- Questions and Answers/Brain Storming Session

Underage Drinking Prevention: Town Hall Meetings is a national effort by the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to educate youth, parents, caregivers, and other adults about the harmful effects of underage drinking.

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¹ National Institute on Drug Abuse. 2008. Monitoring the Future: National Results on Adolescent Drug Use—Overview of Key Findings. 2008 (electronic version). Retrieved from <http://www.drugabuse.gov/PDF/overview2008.pdf>. (PDF - 971 KB)