



PARENTS
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THE MOST™

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Who Are We?

A public awareness campaign developed in Ohio in 2000 by the Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.

Educates parents about the legal ramifications and health and safety risks of serving alcohol to teens at house parties.

In Nyack:

We are attempting to develop a
**Community Alliance for the Prevention of
Substance Abuse**

- ❖ **Prevention Professionals**
- ❖ **Parents**
- ❖ **Law Enforcement**
- ❖ **Faith-Based Organizations**
- ❖ **Human Service
Organizations**



***Committed to Reducing
Underage Alcohol Use
in the
Nyack School/Community***

A Few Facts About Underage Drinking:

✓ **85% of Americans are concerned about underage drinking.**

✓ **Alcohol consumption by adolescents results in:**

Brain damage-possibly permanent

Impaired intellectual development



✓ **Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are 4 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21.**

Findings from the 2007-2008 PRIDE SURVEY

Parent's Resource Institute for Drug Education

Nyack School District Findings for 8th and 10th graders:

- 27% (8th) and 54% (10th) indicated alcohol use within the past year.
- 17% (8th) and 38% (10th) indicated alcohol use within the past 30 days.
- 3% (8th) and 15% (10th) indicated that they had been drunk or high in school within the past year.
- Measured on a scale from 0 - 100 (average 50), the risk factor "laws and norms favorable to TAOD use obtained a score of 40 (8th) and 60 (10th).
- Measured on a scale from 0 – 100 (average 50), the risk factor "parental attitudes favorable to TAOD use obtained a score of 20 (8th) and 43 (10th).



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Where Students Use Alcohol:

➤ 8th Graders:

13% at home 1% at school 8% friends' house 8% other 0% in car

➤ 10th Graders:

16% at home 3% at school 22% friends' house 17% other 3% in car

When Students Use Alcohol:

➤ 8th Graders:

2% before school 1% during 5% after 3% wk nights 16% wk ends

➤ 10th Graders:

1% before school 2% during 5% after 4% wk nights 33% wk ends



Facts for Parents

- ✓ **It is unhealthy and illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to drink.**
Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as 2/3 of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing the risk of contracting HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases.
- ✓ **It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink alcohol and drive.**
Alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24; motor vehicles crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide.
- ✓ **It is illegal to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.**

What Should You Know?

You **CAN NOT** give alcohol to your child's teenage friends,
under any circumstances.

You **CAN NOT** knowingly allow a person under 21 *other than your own child,*
to remain in your home while consuming or possessing alcohol.

*Even if you are **NOT** at home, you are
responsible for what happens in your home and
on your property with your underage child.*

If You Break the Law

- ***You could be arrested and face **criminal charges** of Unlawfully Dealing with a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.***
- ***It is a class A Misdemeanor.***
- ***You could receive a \$1,000.00 **fine**.***
- ***You could receive up to one year in **jail**.***
- ***You can be **sued in civil court** if you or others in your home give alcohol to anyone under 21.***

What Can We Do as Parents?

- Spend time together regularly.
Listen and talk with your children.
- Keep track of where your children are, what they are doing, and who their friends are.
- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Sign the ***“Parents Who Host Lose The Most”*** pledge / contract
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Do not leave your teen at home for the weekend without adult supervision.

Be a positive role model for your children. Don't abuse alcohol or drugs.

If Your Teen Is Giving a Party

- **Help your teenager plan the party. Set rules ahead of time.**
- **Send invitations and avoid an “open party” situation. Put your phone number on the invitation and welcome calls from parents.**
- **Don’t send e-mail invitations.**
- **Visit the party area regularly but be sensitive to teens’ need for privacy and independence. Invite other parents to help chaperone if necessary.**
- **Let attendees know that if they leave, they can’t come back.**
- **Call parents of any teen who arrives in possession of alcohol or under the influence.**



Community Involvement

- ✓ Mail fact cards to parents of students through school mailings
- ✓ Put information in school newsletters from the administration
- ✓ Display posters in local businesses
- ✓ Place ads in local papers
- ✓ Increase monitoring of teen house parties during prominent weekends and inform public about monitoring

Join our efforts. For more information contact
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