

Community Groups Working with the Judiciary

MN's Zero Adult Provider Project

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Zero Adult Provider (ZAP)

- Started in St. Paul in 1999.
- Law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, probation, campus/community coalition.
- Focus on identifying and charging adult providers.
- Improve effectiveness of sanctions for underage consumers.

Growth of ZAP

- Currently 19 of 87 counties received EUDL funds.
- Average 253% increase in adult provider arrests in first year of project.
- PIRE case study released July 2009.
- www.miph.org/projects/eudl

Role of Judges

- Judges make great champions.
- If a judge invites them, they will be there.
- Can make things happen.
- Respected voice for the issue.
- Direct court scheduling and procedure, including probation.
- Search warrants

Considerations/Limitations

- Separate and distinct from Executive Branch (law enforcement).
- Neutrality.
- Not everything is within their control.

How To Work with Judges

- A judge from another district
- Who in your community has a strong relationship?
- Ask their opinion. Don't tell them what to do.
- Understand their philosophy.
- Give them credit.

Persuasive Arguments

- Change in domestic violence.
- Costs of underage drinking.
- Early intervention.
- Role in prevention.
