

# Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

## Monthly Resource Alert

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Please visit our enhanced website at [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org) for the latest information on underage drinking.

#### The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference:

*Empowering Leadership to Enhance What Works*

**Save The Date!** This year's conference is set to be held on August 2-4, 2007 in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Reservation information, call for presentations, agenda and much more information will be available soon, so please be sure to go to [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org) for the most current developments and information.

#### Success Story: New Jersey

Through collaboration, Fair Lawn, New Jersey adopted an ordinance to regulate underage drinking on private property. On December 19, 2006, the Borough Council unanimously adopted the ordinance at a public meeting. The adopted law bans people under 21 from consuming alcohol on private property, giving police an additional tool for curbing teen drinking parties. Fair Lawn is a great example of a successful collaboration between enforcement, community, media and policymakers resulting in a positive outcome.

#### Establishments serving alcohol + Youth admissions = increased violence and underage drinking

Large metropolitan areas like Boston and Washington, DC have seen increases in violence and underage drinking near and in bars and nightclubs that serve alcohol resulting in liquor licenses being suspended and establishments being closed or banned from under-21 activities being held pending investigations. The trend has run from an alarming increase in violent incidents to the death of a 17 year-old teen, recently shot in a nightclub serving alcohol; the suspect, himself only 19. Ongoing debate is expected to arise from this latest tragedy involving possible recommendations for stricter age minimums, tighter security measures and intense youth focused training.

#### Teens Who Party Alone Bound for Trouble, Study Says

A study of 6,000 California and Oregon adolescents found that those who use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs alone later experienced more health and behavioral problems than those who used these substances socially, Reuters reported.

The nine-year study, which began when subjects were in middle school and high school and featured follow-up interviews at age 23, found that solitary drug users were less likely to graduate

college, more likely to have drug problems as young adults, were in poorer physical health, and exhibited more delinquent behaviors.

The research was published in the December 2006 issue of the journal *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*.

#### February National Electronic Seminar

**Music Drug Awareness - *Rescheduled***

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Speaker: Dr. Denise Herd

Music is a powerful way that today's youth are getting messages on how to act and behave in our society, including how to act vis-à-vis alcohol. This session is designed to provide information on current alcohol and drug-related trends in music and discuss how many youth may respond to music messages. Understanding some of these issues will give professionals tools for improving how they communicate with youth. Unfortunately, we are forced to reschedule this month's seminar to March 27, 2007. All existing registrations will be transferred to the new date; those wishing to cancel need not send notice.

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To print a hard copy of this month's Resource Alert visit: [www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0207.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0207.pdf)



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#### Did you Know...? We have a new Sr. Program Manager

Mr. Aidan Moore recently joined UDETC as a Senior Program Manager, having previously worked as a Regional Program Director for the National Center for Alcohol Law Enforcement (NCALE). Aidan's law enforcement career spans nearly 29 years and he holds licenses to practice law in New Hampshire and Maine. He has authored over a dozen criminal law provisions that have provided law enforcement officers across New Hampshire with an arsenal of tools to address underage drinking, house parties, fraudulent documents and nuisance bar provisions. We are happy to have him on board!

#### Quick Fact -

Forty percent or more of youths ages 20 or younger admitted to U.S. hospitals for substance dependence or related psychoses in 2000 had no documentation of receiving alcohol or drug treatment during their stay, according to an analysis of data from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.



# National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJDP Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series

**February 15, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**

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## ***Working with Retailers: Self Policing Strategies and Collaborative Initiatives***

Underage drinking is a complex issue that requires commitment from all stakeholders. In many communities, public health and law enforcement work well together, but retailers are sometimes seen as a reluctant participant, if a participant at all! This presentation will, from the retail perspective, highlight the barriers to gaining participation from the retail community and provide insights into proven ways to increase retail stakeholder involvement and increase self-policing efforts to reduce underage drinking. Participants will also learn strategies for addressing retailers who do not "get on board."

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**April 19, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**

## ***Alcohol and Crime Among Youth***

Alcohol use by youths has been linked to delinquent behaviors, such as stealing, engaging in violent behavior and illicit drug use. Research also indicates that early drinkers are more likely than nondrinkers to engage in delinquent behaviors. How strong is this relationship between youth alcohol use and criminal behaviors? Presenters for this call will discuss the relationship between alcohol and crime among youth and provide strategies for preventing alcohol-related criminal activity among youth.

**May 17, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**

## ***Student Athlete Codes of Conduct That Work***

Data collected by the American Athletic Institute has documented that alcohol use among student athletes surpass that of the general student population in high school. The data indicated that this problematic behavior was concentrated in the tenth and eleventh grades and was attributed to lack of understanding about the consequences of alcohol and drug use for athletes. *Codes of Conduct-Conditions for Involvement* has helped nearly 800 high schools begin rewriting their codes, sending a clear message to community, youth and adults that student athlete alcohol and other drug use will not be tolerated. Call participants will learn about the purpose of alcohol codes for HS athletes, code components, and the positive results emerging from implementation of such codes.

**June 21, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**

## ***Restorative Justice & Underage Drinking***

*Rethinking Drinking* is a restorative justice and alcohol education program model that was developed in 2005 by Employee & Family Resources, Inc., in Des Moines, Iowa, and Teaching Peace, Inc., of Longmont, Colorado. Polk County, Iowa, began implementing the program in May of that same year. Since that time, more than 1000 youth have been referred to the program with only a four percent recidivism rate reported after 11 months. The early successes of the program are largely due to excellent collaboration among law enforcement, juvenile court services, the county attorney's office, and staff at Employee & Family Resources. This session will describe the model, the integration of alcohol education with restorative justice principles, and the experiences of the program thus far.

**For audio-conference registration information, please visit [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)**

All programs provide opportunities for presentation, discussion and sharing information. Telephone dial-in instructions and accompanying materials will be mailed to registrants two weeks before the audio conference.

*To register for any of these free electronic seminars by phone, call toll-free 1-877-335-1287 extension 230*



# Success Stories

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)

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## Through collaboration, New Jersey Borough adopts ordinance to regulate underage drinking on private property

Although New Jersey State law prohibits minors from buying alcohol and drinking it in public, it is up to local municipalities to regulate underage drinking on private property. The State Legislature passed a law in 2000 that permits municipalities to enact ordinances outlawing such behavior, but few have done so, according to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. An earlier attempt was made to pass a local ordinance several years ago by the Fair Lawn Police Department (PD) and the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP). They had only limited success.

Fair Lawn police have supported an ordinance for years, noting that they respond to roughly 150 noise complaints a year, and more than half involve underage drinking, said Sgt. Derek Bastinck. Bastinck (also chair of FLASAP) worked with members of FLASAP to draw attention to the problem. FLASAP rallied the community and they attended local council meetings and played a significant role in having petitions signed. A local councilperson, Jeanne Baratta, helped introduce the ordinance, which was debated during numerous council meetings. The media also played a supportive role through cable and print media by covering the public meetings and providing updates on announcements and timetables. Hence, success comes to those that persevere. After months of debate, on December 19, 2006, the Borough Council unanimously adopted the ordinance at a public meeting.

The adopted law bans people under 21 from consuming alcohol on private property, giving police an additional tool for curbing teen drinking parties. The passage took a collaborative effort, with support

from the Fair Lawn Borough Council; Mayor Marty Etlar; Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein; Council members Joseph Tedeschi, Jeanne Baratta, and Ed Trawinski; and community residents.

If an adult is on the premises current New Jersey law gives the police the ability to cite them on furnishing/serving alcohol to a minor, however, before the ordinance, if cops came across teens drinking on private property, and the homeowners were not present, they could only break up the party and attempt to track down the homeowners, but they couldn't do much else. Fair Lawn's new ordinance imposes a \$250 fine for first-time youth offenders and \$350 for any subsequent offense. The court also may suspend or postpone the offender's driving privileges for 6 months.

The Fair Lawn Police Department will continue to track underage drinking using police reports and crime reporting statistics. Continuing their proactive and preventive efforts, a mailing is being sent to Fairlawn High school students emphasizing the dangers of substance abuse. Included in this mailing will be a copy of the new ordinance. Fair Lawn is a great example of a successful collaboration between enforcement, community, media, and policymakers resulting in a positive outcome.

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