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Announcing OJJDP's 13th National EUDL Leadership Conference!

We are pleased to announce that the 13th National EUDL Leadership Conference, "Spotlighting Community Solutions to Underage Drinking", will be held August 10th-12th, with Pre-Conference Activities on August 8th-9th in Orlando, FL! We are thrilled to launch this year's conference as it promises to offer exciting plenary sessions, broad reaching workshops, and cutting edge experiential learning exercises that will provide you with real-life experience, skills, and tools that can be used to enhance both local and more far-reaching efforts.

Please plan to come and learn how community leaders, government officials, youth and other interested individual can collaborate with law enforcement to increase positive results by incorporating the best research based practices, proven environmental strategies and newly developed techniques and tools to assist in the efforts to protect underage youth by ensuring that we lower their access to alcohol and enforce underage drinking laws through various successful approaches. Registration for the Conference and access to hotel reservations will be available via our website shortly. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Study Finds that Teen Drinking May Not be "Just a Phase"

Problem drinking during the late teenage years is a real problem, not just a phase, and can signal problem drinking in young adulthood, according to a new study CNN Health reports recently. The findings are published in Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research.

Lead study author Richard R. Rose of Indiana University stated, "The key finding was that the more drinking-related problems experienced by an adolescent at age 18, the greater the likelihood that adolescent would be diagnosed with alcoholism seven years later, at age 25." He went on to explain, "The analysis of co-twins ruled out factors such as parental drinking and household atmosphere as the source of the association, because twins jointly experience these." Rose said that because twin teens in the study had the same parental, environmental and genetic factors, the results provide strong evidence that drinking behavior at age 18 is a strong predictor for drinking behavior at age 25.

The study involved 597 twins enrolled in long-term Finnish study of twins. At age 18 the twins took the Rutgers Alcohol

Problem Index (RAPI), which is a self-administered questionnaire designed to measure alcohol drinking related problems. Rose said the RAPI is one of the most widely used assessments of problematic teen drinking. Study participants were later interviewed in-person at age 25 to assess alcohol dependence.

The study found that 52% of teens had RAPI scores reflecting problematic drinking at age 18, and those results held at age 25 when the young adults were tested for alcohol dependence. 46.2 % met the criteria for alcohol dependence and 1.5% for alcohol abuse. RAPI scores in late teen years "robustly predict alcohol diagnoses in early adulthood. Accordingly, our results also provide new evidence that one pathway to problem drinking in early adulthood is a direct one from problem drinking in adolescence," according to the study. Rose says the findings show that teen drinking problems can chart a course to problems with alcohol in young adulthood.

NATIONAL ELECTRONIC SEMINARS

March 2011 Managing Alcohol at Special Events

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011 Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m. ET

Speakers: Special Agent Nancy McGee and Sergeant Scott

Friedlein

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April 21, 2011 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time Logic Models and Workplan Development

Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you're going, how are you gonna' know when you get there?"

He makes a good point! How do we make sure we know where we are going with our underage drinking prevention and enforcement efforts? Logic Models are tools being used increasingly by coalitions and organizations and recommended by funders in the prevention field. A program logic model is defined as a picture of HOW your coalition does its work, including the theory, assumptions and research that underlie its choice of activities. It is a one page diagram that links your activities and processes to the outcomes you intend to produce – both short term and long term. The process of developing a logic model as a group – for example community coalitions and enforcement working together to create it – helps to ensure everyone is on the same page in a project. In our April National Electronic Seminar we will examine how logic models are constructed and how they relate to evaluation. Sample logic models will be shared.

May 19, 2011 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time Party Crews: Coming Soon?

Dubbed the "Junior Varsity of Street Gangs", communities and law enforcement agencies from Arizona to Michigan have been forced to devote resources to addressing this trend. Party crews are groups of teenagers who move from city to city setting up in vacant homes and businesses, warehouses, rural settings or even taking over smaller parties and making them their own. Inexpensive alcohol, music, and plenty of action. And it doesn't end with cheap underage drinking. These events often turn violent and result in assaults and shootings. Are these events occurring in your community? Will you be taken by surprise when they do? The use of social networking sites and technology are key to the success of these parties but are also a tool that helps to intercept or prevent them. We will discuss the tactics that have been used to address "party crews" from law enforcement and communities who have experienced "party crew" activities and hear strategies and techniques that can be used to address the problem.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an Underage Drinking Topic that would make a great National Electronic Seminar? Send us your suggestions at udetc@udetc.org and put 'NES Topic Suggestion' in the subject line!

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