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### New Study Reveals Underage Youth are Successful at Online Alcohol Purchases

A recently published peer-reviewed study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was conducted to determine if minors could successfully purchase alcohol online and examined age verification procedures for online alcohol sales. Study findings included that 45 out of 100 orders attempted by underage buyers were successful, even though they provided their real underage driver license when asked. Only 28% of orders placed by minors were rejected because of age verification.

In this study eight underage participants attempted to purchase alcohol online from 100 popular vendors using prepaid debit cards and providing their real identification when asked. Age verification often consisted of pushing a button or typing in a false birth date. Less than half of vendors asked that shipping carriers verify their customers' age at delivery, the researchers noted. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded this study which was published in the May issue of the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine* and can be reviewed in its entirety here: http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1149402

#### The UDETC Unveils a New Resource: Online College eKit!

The Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETC) is excited to announce a new College e-Kit has been developed and is now available to all on the UDETC website, www.udetc.org. The College e-Kit is designed to connect law prevention advocates, enforcement, representatives, students and other community leaders with helpful resources to effectively reduce underage student access to alcohol and consumption of alcoholic beverages through use of environmental management practices. Please access this new tool by clicking on the College e-Kit tab located in the navigation pane on the left side of the homepage at http://www.udetc.org. Feel free to share this new resource with others as this feature has a lot of useful information that can be used to keep our nations' college students safe from the dangers of alcohol.

#### **NATIONAL ELECTRONIC SEMINARS**

#### Successful Family Skills to Prevent Underage Drinking

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012 Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m. ET

Speakers: Jaynie and Art Brown, Utah MADD

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#### **Success Stories: South Carolina**

## Furman University Impacts Student Underage Drinking through Increased Enforcement, Policy Enhancements, and Campus/Community Collaborations

With approximately 75% of the undergraduate population at Furman University being under 21, underage drinking has been a concerning issue that the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) College Discretionary grant helped address. After identifying a number of specific strategies, Furman University collaborated and partnered with enforcement, student groups and campus and community groups to make effective changes and significant impacts. This success story shares some of those collaborations and the work accomplished. This Success Story can be read in its entirety by visiting the following link http://www.udetc.org/documents/success stories/SC0612.pdf

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During the first year of the Palmetto Initiative for Campus and Community Collaboration (PICCC), party patrols were not conducted in the Furman target area. When grant funding was provided and party patrols began (2009), Furman students were surprised to see local Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) officers arriving at their parties. The University had informed students of the expected party patrol events and the laws concerning underage drinking, including minor in possession and providing alcohol to minors. Nonetheless, students did not believe patrols would actually happen, much less that they would be cited. Students were upset and enlisted the help of student government to evaluate Furman's existing alcohol policy. The evaluation resulted in a new campus policy passed in May 2010 allowing alcohol in the on-campus apartments where of-age students reside but still prohibiting alcohol in the residence halls where underage students reside. The policy specifically prohibits parties, drinking games, large quantities of alcohol, and use of alcohol by minors; it includes increased enforcement, strict sanctions for alcohol violations, and the addition of birthdates on all Furman University IDs to aid officers with alcohol enforcement.

The University also increased the responsibilities of the Resident Assistants (RAs) by incorporating rounds each week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. During RA and FRAD (FReshman ADvisors) training, student staff learns about the procedures and strategies for dealing with underage drinking. In addition, all new students attend a residence hall meeting the first week of school to discuss alcohol laws, campus policies, enforcement, and consequences related to underage drinking that include strict sanctions. Upon completion, each student is asked to sign an online document acknowledging that they have read and they understand the alcohol policy.

As a result of this grant, the University now has a central office to provide alcohol education, interventions, and referrals as necessary. The grant coordinator works closely with the student conduct board to guarantee appropriate sanctions are imposed on students who violate the policy. Further, the grant coordinator has a close relationship with campus and local law enforcement to ensure environmental strategies are put into place to reduce underage drinking, which includes compliance check operations, off-campus party patrols, safety checkpoints, and fake ID enforcement.

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AET efforts have resulted in improved compliance from 72.7 percent (2008) to 84 percent (2011), reduced calls to law enforcement to respond to problem locations off-campus, and a reduced number of off-campus alcohol-related citations—from 30 underage drinking and 2 alcohol-transfer (adult provider) violations at off-campus parties in 2009 to 0 underage drinking and 0 alcohol-transfer violations in 2011. Further, University Police can now respond to campus parties in a way similar to party patrols off-campus. The use of I-pads, breathalyzers, and cameras has proven to be an asset to the campus investigative and judicial processes.

In just one year, alcohol violations have decreased for ofage students and increased for underage students from 82 in 2010 to 138 in 2011. Data from the 2011 CORE survey suggest that underage use has not increased, and university officials are starting to see a shift in student behaviors. Anecdotal responses indicate that students feel the strict sanctions are not worth drinking underage or providing alcohol to minors, which can result in each party host being fined up to \$750 for violations.

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012 3:00 – 4:15 pm Eastern

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 3:00 – 4:15 pm Eastern

# Managing Alcohol Outlet Density to Reduce Youth Access to Alcohol

Alcohol outlet density regulation is a science-based environmental strategy used to reduce or limit alcohol outlet density through licensing or zoning processes. Research has shown a strong correlational relationship between alcohol and violent crime. Research has also shown that when outlets are close together, more underage drinking occurs. By controlling the location of outlets, sales to minors can be discouraged and youth safety can be improved. Presenters will share information about regulatory strategies utilized in communities to manage alcohol outlet density in order to limit youth access to alcohol and improve public health, safety, and well-being by impacting crime rates, victimization, personal injuries, and fatalities. Presenters will also share information about useful resources to aid implementation of these types of efforts.

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