

# Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

## Monthly Resource Alert

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

#### 2009 National Leadership Conference Updates!!

We know everyone is excited about this year's National Leadership Conference (NLC), which will be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas, on August 12-14. We wanted to share some of the details about this year's pre-eminent Underage Drinking Conference so we can be sure to see you there!

This year's theme is: "**Beyond Boundaries: Timely Trends and Technology.**" We are offering plenary sessions, workshops, and 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. With a focus on new and innovative methods and resources, this year's Conference offers participants in-depth knowledge that will make a real impact on your efforts to enforce underage drinking laws in your States and communities!

#### Top 5 reasons to Register for the UDETC's 2009 National Leadership Conference

5. Unbelievable! How much we'll share, learn and engage.
4. Develop Stronger Networks: Build up yours at the Conference!
3. Experience/expertise: Talk with and learn from the experts—what works; what to avoid; what sustains!
2. Training and Technical Assistance: Sessions from the basics to innovative and current trends!
1. Cost considered: Compared to other national conferences, one of the best deals in town. Register now!

#### New Medical Study Shows that White Matter Suffers Damage as an Effect of Binge Drinking

A recent MRI study found that, when adolescents binge on alcohol, they damage the white matter in their brains, which helps relay information between brain cells. In their study of 28 teens, researchers found that binge drinking could impair thinking and memory among teens, perhaps even affecting performance in school.

Given the current rate of adolescent binge drinking in the United States, lead researcher Susan F. Tapert, University of California at San Diego and director of Substance Abuse/Mental Illness at the Veteran's Administration San Diego Healthcare System, said that one in four teens could be at risk of white-matter damage due to heavy alcohol use. The report was published online in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, located at: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122343078/abstract?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>.

#### National Electronic Seminars

**Please Note: There will not be a June audio call.**

#### May 2009

##### **MLDA Liabilities: College Perspectives**

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2009

Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m. EDT

Speakers: Darby Dickerson, Stetson University College of Law; W. David Watts, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Richard Yoast, American Medical Association

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**\*Visit [www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp](http://www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp) to register.\***

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[www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0509.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0509.pdf).

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#### **Did you Know...?**

That you can **register** for this year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference online by visiting our website and clicking on the National Leadership Conference icon in the right upper hand corner of our homepage at [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)? You can also **submit** an abstract through our website by clicking on the "Call for Presentations" icon. You can also **reserve** your room now by dialing: 1-817-778-3000, be sure to mention you are with the National Leadership Conference to get the discounted rate of \$115 per night (plus tax) single/double! This rate is good through **July 10<sup>th</sup>** so hurry they will go fast!



Hello!

We want to share some exciting details with you about this year's 11th Annual National Leadership Conference: ***Beyond Boundaries: Timely Trends and Technology!***

### **General Conference Information**

This year's conference will take place August 13-14, 2009 in Dallas, Texas. The conference will officially begin on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am with an exciting Conference Opening Plenary and end on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm with our special Closing Session. Pre-conference meetings will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 (by invitation only). There will be numerous interactive workshops, plenary sessions, and networking opportunities. This conference continues to be the preeminent Underage Drinking Conference specially suited to offer the most innovative tools, resources and data to State Coordinators, enforcement officers, executives, youth, government officials, staff of community-based organizations, and all other individuals concerned with underage drinking. You will leave with a host of practical ideas from the most prominent experts in the field, new found partners through various networking opportunities and advanced knowledge that can be put to use immediately in your community.

### **Hotel Information**

The conference will be hosted at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas. Rooms are available at a discounted conference rate of \$115.00 per night (single or double), plus applicable State and local taxes. To receive this discounted rate, please be sure to mention the ***National Leadership Conference***. Reservations with this price will be available starting, **May 11<sup>th</sup>** at by calling the hotel directly at 1-817-778-3000. The cut-off date for discounted hotel rooms at the host hotel is **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. As in years past you will need a credit card to reserve the room, but no charges will be incurred at that time. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. Be aware that these rooms will go quickly, so we advise you to reserve rooms as soon as possible. You can visit the hotel's website at <http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-texan/> for more information.

### **Registration**

The conference will have a \$250 early bird registration fee, \$290 for registrations received after **July 24<sup>th</sup>** for adults and a \$75 registration fee for youth. You can register by going to our website [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org) and clicking on the NLC icon on the right side of the page. We will continue to send out more information as it becomes available, such as information on the various experiential exercises we will be hosting and other exciting events happening in and around the Conference. We hope you will join us for what will be an engaging and informative National Leadership Conference!

### **Call for Presentations**

You can submit an abstract by visiting our website and clicking on the Call for Presentations icon. The site is easy to navigate and takes only minutes to submit an abstract or workshop for possible presentation at this year's Conference.

### **Other Information**

**Our Conference website will be on-line May 22, 2009 and we will be sure to have this link available through our website: [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)**

If you have any questions regarding registration or other details included in this communication, please contact the UDETC at 1-877-335-1287 or [udetc@udetc.org](mailto:udetc@udetc.org)



# National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJDP Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series

## 2009 National Electronic Seminars Calendar

May 28, 2009 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time

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July 23, 2009 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time

### ***Using Volunteers for Underage Drinking Enforcement Operations and other Events***



## **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](mailto:udetc@udetc.org) and put 'NES Topic Suggestion' in the subject line!

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



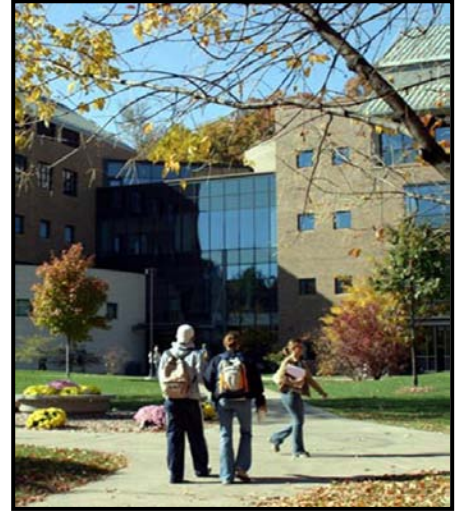
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## AUDIO CONFERENCE

### TOPIC

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### WEB ENHANCED



*Internet users will be able to log on to our conference web page to view presentation slides and interact with other participants.*

### REGISTER

**Please register by using one of our automated options:**

- **To register on our website**, please visit [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org) and complete the online registration form, or
- **To register by phone**, please call our toll-free number, 1-877-335-1287, press 1, and follow the prompt.

**Telephone dial-in instructions and accompanying materials for the audio conference will be mailed one (1) week before the call.**