

Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

Monthly Resource Alert

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Please visit our enhanced website at www.udetc.org for the latest information on underage drinking.

9th Annual National Leadership Conference Update

This year's National Leadership Conference is being held in Orlando, Florida on August 2-4. For more information related to conference registration and hotel information, visit www.udetc.org and click on the 9th Annual National Leadership Conference icon. Due to overwhelming response, the Rosen Center Hotel is sold out, however additional rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn SeaWorld International Center, at a discounted conference rate of \$89 per night by mentioning "**National Leadership Conference**" when making your reservations at 1-866-274-7182. Don't Delay, these rooms will go quickly too!

Exciting National Leadership Conference Activity

This year's networking activity will involve going to Universal Studio's for networking and a meet and greet. Full access to the park will be provided for the duration of the scheduled event (6-10pm) with a dessert function and laser light show at 9pm! Please visit the website for complete details: www.udetc.org.

Higher Beer Taxes and Minimum Drinking Age Reduces Traffic Deaths of Young People, Study Finds

Communities with few alcohol regulations could consider raising taxes on beer as a way to reduce drunken driving fatalities among young people, according to a study conducted by Prevention Research Center in Berkeley, CA. The study published in the May issue of Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research shows that Alcohol-control policies such as the minimum legal drinking age and raising beer taxes have helped prevent youth access to alcohol and the problems of underage drinking. However, a recent study found that communities with limited alcohol regulation could expect the greatest benefits from establishing new alcohol-control policies. Researchers examined traffic crash data gathered from 48 U.S. states from 1975 to 2001. Results showed that raising either the drinking age or beer taxes alone led to fewer youth-traffic fatalities.

Did you Know...?

That one of the newest alcohol products highlighted here in April, Spykes, has officially ceased production according to the manufacturer. This good news comes in response to an outpouring of concern from many working to reduce underage drinking.

June National Electronic Seminar

Restorative Justice

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007

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

Speakers: Tammy Hoyman, Employee & Family Resources, Inc. and Ray J. Goodman, Reclaiming Futures

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Visit www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp to register.

Social Host Laws are highlighted during Graduation Season

As graduation season approaches, more communities are expanding their underage drinking prevention strategies to include parental behavior, according to the Chicago Tribune. In Deerfield, Ill., police sent a letter to all parents of junior and senior students reminding them of a zero-tolerance policy on underage drinking and on parents allowing students to drink in their home. Other communities, are using the "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" campaign that was created several years ago in Ohio to remind parents that it is illegal to host parties that allow teens to drink.

To print a hard-copy of this month's Resource Alert visit: www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0607.pdf

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Quick Fact:

Between 50 and 60 percent of all fatal car crashes that occurred on weekends during graduation season were alcohol related, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJD Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series

June 21, 2007 **3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**
Restorative Justice & Underage Drinking

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September 20, 2007 **3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**
Sustainability

Coalitions and enforcement agencies across the country are making great strides in implementing environmental strategies to reduce and prevent underage drinking. However, many are faced with the challenge of sustaining efforts without EUDL funding. This session will identify key elements necessary for sustaining coalitions and underage drinking enforcement with or without funding; explore various options for alternative structures to continue the work; and offer options for innovative ways to find necessary funds as needed.

October 18, 2007 **3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**
Reducing Alcohol-related Incidents During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a common time to increase law enforcement operations, especially those focused on impaired driving. How does underage drinking enforcement fit into the equation? This teleconference will discuss how community groups, youth, and law enforcement agencies can successfully combine their holiday enforcement efforts to reduce alcohol related incidents.

November 15, 2007 **3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**
Social Host

State and local communities across the nation are working to implement statutes and ordinances that address the complex issues surrounding underage drinking. One of the most progressive approaches adopted involves strategies surrounding the issue of social hosting or people who provide the setting for gathering of underage drinkers. While the problems are quite similar, the strategies adopted by the various communities widely differ. This session will explore the differences between criminal strategies and civil strategies, and examine how effective each approach has been in the various adopting jurisdictions. Listeners will have the opportunity to question presenters on their initiatives and ask "if you could do it all again would you take the same approach?"

December 18, 2007 **3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**
Parental Involvement in Preventing Underage Drinking

Alcohol is a drug. Alcohol is also the number one drug of choice for teens. Clearly, parents can play a vital and proactive role in addressing underage drinking. Too often underage drinking is discounted as a "right of passage." Parents can be effective in reducing the use of alcohol by youth under 21 by using a number of environmental strategies, such as preventing access of alcohol to youth, creating clear, consistent no-use messages, as well as partnering with local and state key stakeholders to address the issues related to underage drinking. The presenters on the call will share resources and effective strategies that can be duplicated in your community.

For audio-conference registration information, please visit 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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Internet users will be able to log on to our conference web page to view presentation slides and interact with other participants.

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- **To register on our website**, please visit www.udetc.org and complete the online registration form, or
- **To register by phone**, please call our toll-free number, 1-877-335-1287, extension 230, and follow the prompts.

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