

## August 2005 Resource Alert

It's not too late to register for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference! You can still register online and, if need be, register onsite. The conference promises to be a great one, with special presentations by representatives FACE, the Youth Leadership Institute, and The Marin Institute. The conference will be held August 18–20 at the J.W. Marriot Starr Pass in Tucson, Arizona. Visit our Web site, [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org), to learn more about what is sure to be an exciting event.

Over the past 18 months, FACE has taken the research-based findings from the National Academy of Science report on youth access and underage drinking and translated those findings into compelling, user-friendly resources to help groups take action on alcohol issues. These resources include a "community map" and "This Place," a film that will be highlighted at the opening session of the 6th National Leadership Conference in Tucson. In the meantime, you can find out what others are saying about this new film by contacting FACE at 1-888-822-3223 or visiting them online at [www.faceproject.org](http://www.faceproject.org)

A great resource for those working on judicial issues and youth is the National Youth Court Center (NYCC) at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). The NYCC is a central point of contact for youth court programs across the Nation and serves as an information clearinghouse. The NYCC also provides training and technical assistance, and develops resource materials on how to create and enhance youth court programs in the United States. To find out more about NYCC and to sign up for their monthly communiqué, *NYCC Update*, please visit <http://www.youthcourt.net>.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has issued a request for applications (RFA) for grants of \$400,000 to rural and small urban health-care systems. The program is titled "Underage Drinking: Building Health Care System Responses" and has two phases. The RFA for Phase 1 solicits applications for cooperative agreements to enable rural and small urban health-care systems to become platforms for research programs on underage drinking. The deadline for applying for Phase 1 is December 19. For more information, see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AA-06-003.html>.

The International Institute for Alcohol Awareness (IIAA) has launched its new Web site. A priority focus of IIAA is a national campaign to promote awareness of the dangers and harms associated with underage drinking. This initiative—

called America's Partners to Prevent Underage Drinking — acknowledges that alcohol producers, distributors, retailers, consumers, Government, and the public share common interests and responsibilities for protecting youth from the health and safety risks related to illegal alcohol consumption. The new IIAA Web site is located at <http://www.iaaonline.org>.

Three new audio-teleconference topics have been added to the calendar. The topics for these calls will explore how communities and States are implementing the recommendations from the Institute of Medicine's report on underage drinking, how geographic information systems are useful prevention tools, and how to engage the judicial system. This month's audio-teleconference, entitled *Leveraging Underage Drinking Resources*, will occur on August 9. The presenters for this call will discuss how communities can get started or breathe new life into current efforts, as well as what resources are available to help communities limit youth access to alcoholic beverages. Join this call to expand your knowledge about available resources and how to leverage them effectively. Click on <http://www.udetc.org/AudioConferences.htm> to register for the audio-teleconference calls.

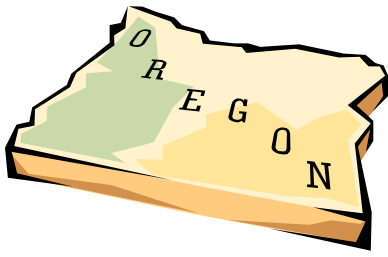
This month's Success Story is from Oregon. In the wake of a series of riots in 2001, Oregon State University (OSU) administration officials, campus policy, and local law enforcement began to work together to address student-drinking issues, especially those related to fraternity and sorority life. Student alcohol-related incidences at off-campus settings dropped by more than half after the implementation of an innovative program involving enforcement and Greek Life at OSU. Read this month's Success Stories to find out how they accomplished this reduction.

To read this month's *Success Stories* and to print a hard copy of the Resource Alert and flyers, visit the following link: [www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlert0805.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlert0805.pdf).

UDETC's Resource Alert will be on a break in September, but look for the Alert during the first week of October!

### ***Electronic Resource Alerts!!***

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# Success Stories

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

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## The Greek-Enforcement Connection at Oregon State University

In the wake of a series of riots in 2001, university administration, campus police, and local enforcement began to work more closely together to address student-drinking issues, especially those related to fraternity and sorority life. Student alcohol-related incident reports in off-campus settings have dropped by more than half after implementation of an innovative program involving enforcement and Greek Life at Oregon State University (OSU).

At OSU, off-campus parties involving alcohol would often get out of control and result in negative consequences such as alcohol poisoning, assaults, noise disturbances, damage to public and private property, and death. Issues with fraternity houses were ongoing and accounted for a large number of calls to service by enforcement. "Greeks did not trust the police, and the police defiantly disliked the character of the community," said Brice Nesbitt, Interfraternity Council President at OSU.

In an effort to address alcohol-related issues with fraternities and sororities, the Corvallis Police Department established an Officer Liaison Program to help create an environment in which fraternity and sorority members could better understand their responsibilities as citizens and better use available services and resources. The program focused on building strong student-enforcement relationships by assigning officers as liaisons to a group of Greek fraternity and sorority houses. The officers provided information on alcohol laws and consequences, crime prevention, problem-solving, educational programs, and other enforcement-related issues. They also attended

events such as house functions, educational programs, dinners, and celebrations, and established themselves as the point of consistent contact for questions and answers by house members.

Members of Greek Life embraced the program and now work closely with enforcement to ensure compliance with campus policies and local and State laws, participate in student patrols and enforcement ride-a-longs, and are now better neighbors in the community.

The OJJD Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Initiative supports cooperation between community organizations, enforcement agencies, youth, and other concerned citizens to change local ordinances and enforcement practices.

Jackie Balzer, interim Dean of Students at OSU says, "The OSU Greek-CPD Liaison Program has created numerous collaborative opportunities between OSU and the Corvallis Police Department. The program builds relationships that help us to avoid difficulties and handle difficult situations in a much more productive manner."

Enforcement statistics have shown that members of Greek houses who worked with the police while planning special events typically experienced fewer problems. This is substantiated by crime reporting data from OSU showing arrests for liquor law violations in off-campus settings dropping from approximately 439 in 2001 to 145 in 2003.

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# National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJDP Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series



**Due to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference in Tucson, Arizona, there will be no Audio Teleconference scheduled for the month of September.**

**October 20, 2005 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**IOM Report – Update From the States, Local Communities, & Law Enforcement:**

Speakers will provide an update of their implementation of the recommendations of the 2003 Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science report, "Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility". States, local communities and law enforcement will address how they successfully implemented strategy recommendations to prevent underage access to alcohol and foster the adoption of sustainable systematic change in policies and practice.

**November 17, 2005 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**Judiciary Guidance in Addressing Underage Drinking in Communities:**

Alcohol is the number one drug choice of youth. It's not kids just being kids, nor is it simply a rite of passage. There are many negative and often times tragic consequences associated with underage drinking, including criminal offenses. Judicial partners play a vital role in affecting the social norms and attitudes of their communities regarding access of alcohol to minors, enforcement of the underage drinking laws, and the resulting consequences of underage drinking. Learn how judicial partners can provide guidance to community organizations, enforcement officials, and other judicial leaders to create a strong social norm against underage drinking and a safer environment for youth and the communities in which they live.

**December 15, 2005 3:00-4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**Geographic Information Systems (GIS)-The Effective Use of Mapping:**

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a mapping tool that can assist communities and enforcement agencies in identifying problems related to alcohol availability. Areas that have a high density of alcohol outlets or exposure have been found to generate alcohol-related problems and often affect the community's quality of life. The audio call will share the strengths, and weaknesses of GIS, when and how to apply GIS to show change over time and discuss how the results of GIS mapping can be used in strategic planning and in the support of existing environmental strategies.

**For audio-teleconference 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**