

What's the big deal?

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, kids who drink are more likely to:

- Be victims of violent crimes.
- Engage in risky sexual behavior.
- Have serious problems in school.
- Be involved in drinking-related traffic crashes.
- Develop alcohol dependence.

Our kids are trying to tell us something!

Greene County youth age 12-17 reported higher alcohol use than neighboring counties and the state. Roughly 37% of Greene County youth age 12-17 reported using alcohol in the past month.



"I think parents play a huge part in how teenagers view alcohol and underage drinking. I feel like I could use more information on how to talk to my kids about alcohol and I hope Teen MISSION can provide this information to me and other parents."

– Greene County Parent of Teenagers

"Trying to better myself and getting my life on the right path has encouraged me to stay alcohol free. I really like to work on cars."

– Ryan, Greene County Youth

For more information about how to reduce underage drinking, contact:



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"To reduce alcohol use, substance abuse, and related problems among our youth."

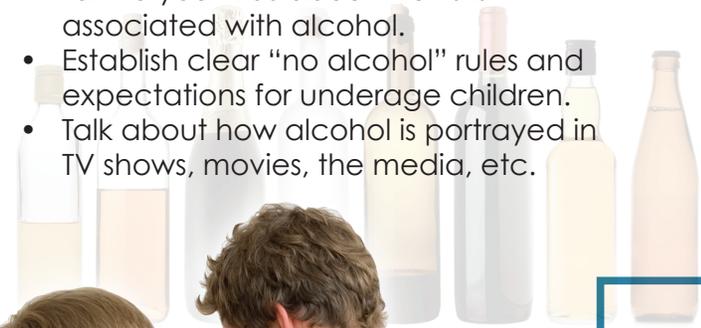


What can we do?



Parents

- Ask your child questions – Where are you going? Who will be there? Will alcohol be served?
- Plan family activities that do not involve alcohol.
- Seek help if you have an alcohol-related problem.
- Talk to your kids about the risks associated with alcohol.
- Establish clear “no alcohol” rules and expectations for underage children.
- Talk about how alcohol is portrayed in TV shows, movies, the media, etc.



Community

- Provide alcohol-free social and recreational opportunities for youth.
- Invite youth to participate in the planning of community events.
- Support youth mentoring programs.
- Provide after-school activities.

Friends and Siblings

- Do not provide alcohol to younger friends/family members.
- Support younger friends/family members in alcohol-free activities.
 - Speak up if an underage friend or family member is using alcohol.



“I choose to not drink underage for many reasons. The biggest reason is I am a Boy Scout. Some of the key points of the Scout Law are that a Scout is: Trustworthy and Obedient. My parents trust me to not drink and I am obedient of the law to not drink underage.”

– Adam, Greene County Youth

Retailers

- Do not sell to underage kids.
- Ask for ID! Question an ID if it looks fake.
- Train employees on anti-underage drinking/selling policy.
- Display signs – “We do not serve minors.”
- Display flyers asking customers to not purchase alcohol for underage kids.



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