

STOP



UNDERAGE DRINKING

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Substance Abuse Monitoring System

- SAMS is a cigarette, alcohol, and marijuana survey developed by Drs. R. Scott Olds and Dennis Thombs of Kent State University
- SAMS includes questions similar to Ohio YRBS and Monitoring the Future survey items for comparison purposes
- South Range Local administered in '04, '05, '07

Substance Abuse Monitoring System

- Levels of reported binge drinking at times higher than state and national levels
- Perceived use of cigarettes (2.5-4 x), alcohol (2x) and marijuana (6x) higher than actual use
- Parental involvement in use: allowing use in home or providing ATOD for student use

Crisis in Adolescent ATOD Use

- SAMS data (2004-2007) from seven NE Ohio school districts show:
 - Among current users, 56% were in a home where a parent permitted underage use
 - Among current users, 37.5% had a parent purchase alcohol for underage use

Social Host Ordinances

- Lower the burden of proof required for law enforcement
- Requires adult owner / occupant to act reasonably to monitor property regarding underage alcohol use
- Violators fined with escalating fines for repeat offenders

Mahoning Valley Chiefs of Police Assoc.

- Beaver Police Chief and chiefs from two adjacent jurisdictions request presentation to association
- MVCPA recommends language to amend section 4301.69 (B) of ORC and endorses the effort
- Ohio Investigative Unit (ODPS) involvement through MVCPA
- ODPS Dir. Guzman expresses interest and pairs CCHY with Rep. Linda Bolon (D) of East Palestine

Proposed Changes to 4301.69 (B)

- No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly, recklessly, or negligently allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor.

Desired Outcomes of Amendment

- Reduction in parental involvement in underage drinking leading to reduced levels of underage drinking
- Proper adult supervision of property in the absence of parents
- Owner/occupant of premises act reasonably to prevent or stop underage drinking

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- Possible tiered structure based on nature of offense and repeat violations
- Cases in which *knowingly* can be proven must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law without the possibility of reduced charges
- Only in cases where adults have taken reasonable preventive measures and violations took place in spite of those actions should an owner be held harmless. (Other adults may be held responsible.)

Seeking Sponsors in Legislature

- Sen. John Bocchieri (D, 33rd) recommends Sen. Tim Grendell (R, 16th) as potential sponsor in Ohio Senate
- Rep. Bolon seeking a majority co-sponsor in the Ohio House of Representatives
- CCHY and MVCPA correspondence sent to NE Ohio legislators the week of 5/5/08

Seeking Partner Coalitions

- CCHY and MVCPA correspondence sent to SPCA members week of 5/12/08
- Seeking letters of support for CCHY efforts to pursue social host language
- Coalitions inform local legislators statewide about CCHY campaign and seek support

Thank You

- Statewide Prevention Coalition Association
- Drug-Free Action Alliance, Kristin Gish
- CCHY leadership and ATOD Workgroup
- Supporters in Mahoning County and beyond