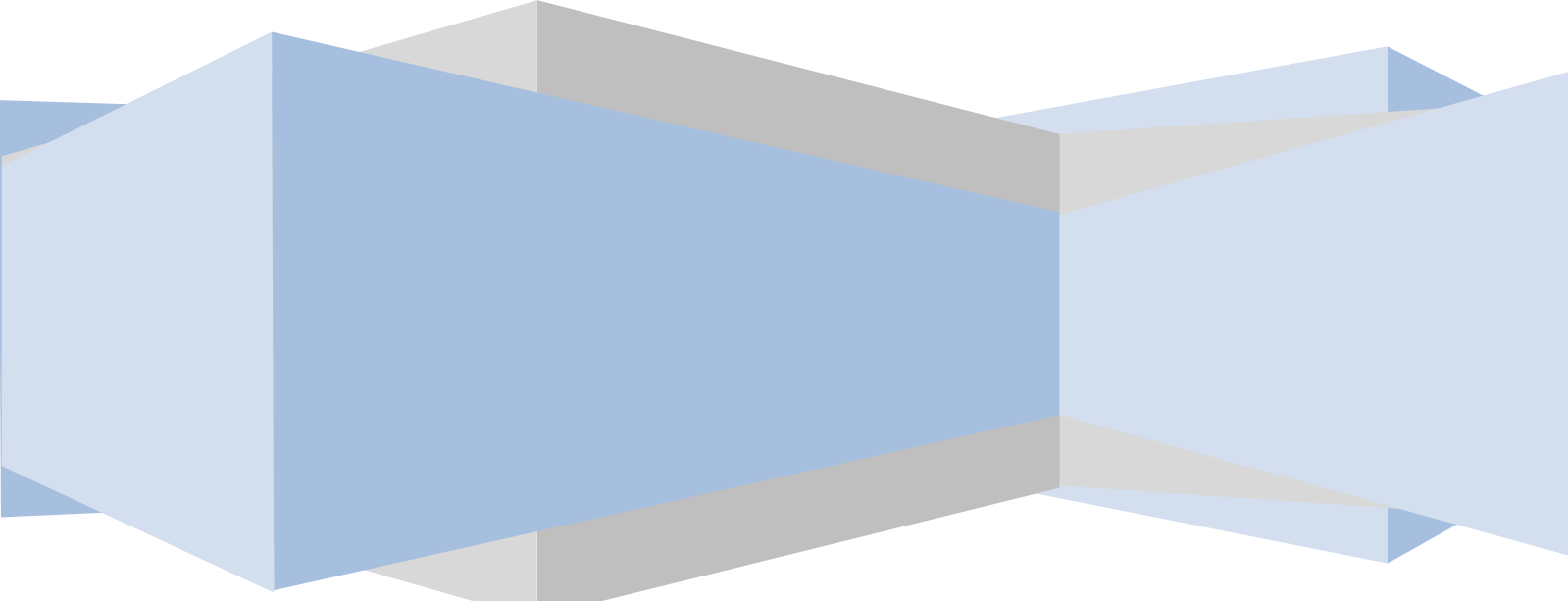




Social Host

Prevention Strategy for Underage Drinking and Drug Use in Benton County

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What is the Social Host Ordinance?

- Specifically crafted ordinance that would hold adults legally responsible if they provide a location or space for underage drinking, marijuana use, or other illegal substances.
- Legal responsibility brings a criminal infraction and/or civil/administrative penalty depending on how each city council crafts the ordinance.

What is the purpose of Social Host Ordinance?

- Designed to dissuade adults from knowingly providing an opportunity for underage individuals to consume alcohol and engage in drug use.
- Social Host Ordinance does not include the parent/guardian legal right to allow their OWN child to consume alcohol on their OWN property.
- Designed to reduce young adults’ tendency to provide locations to drink, for drug use, and providing alcohol for underage friends and their acquaintances.

Why is Social Host Ordinance needed?

- Iowa ranks higher for underage drinking compared to other States.
- Out of 99 counties Benton ranks 16th for youth alcohol use in the past 30 days.
- Benton County youth report it is easier to get access to alcohol than tobacco or other illegal substances.
- Benton youth report that family members and older friends are the highest source of alcohol.

Results from Iowa Youth Survey

Indicators	Grade	2005	2008	2010	2012	2014
Students Who Have Had a Drink in the past 30 Days	All Grades	19.2%	22.9%	14.9%	13.6%	9%
	11th Grade	42.3%	40.0%	25.7%	29.7%	21%

Students Who Report Binge Drinking in the past 30 Days	All Grades	15.0%	15.4%	7.9%	9.1%	5%
	11th Grade	35.7%	30.5%	8.9%	21.7%	12%

Marijuana Abuse

- Teen past-month heavy marijuana users are more likely than teens who have not used marijuana in the past year to: use cocaine/crack (30x); use Ecstasy (20x); abuse prescription pain relievers (15x); and abuse over-the-counter medicines (14x). 2012 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study
- Persistent marijuana use during adolescence can cause a long-term 8-point drop in IQ, and harm attention span and memory. 2012 National Academy of Sciences, Dunedin Study
- The rate of past month marijuana use by America’s 8th, 10th and 12th graders exceeds cigarette smoking in all three grade levels. 2012 Monitoring The Future Survey/University of Michigan

Results from Iowa Youth Survey – Marijuana Use

In the past 30 days, have you used marijuana (pot, grass, hash, bud, weed)?									
	8th Grade			11th Grade			All Grades		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
Yes	7%	7%	7%	13%	9%	11%	5%	4%	5%
No	97%	98%	97%	87%	91%	89%	95%	96%	95%

Have you ever used marijuana (pot, grass, hash, bud, weed)?									
	8th Grade			11th Grade			All Grades		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
Yes	7%	7%	7%	13%	20%	17%	7%	9%	8%
No	93%	93%	93%	87%	80%	83%	93%	91%	92%

Prescription and Over-The-Counter Medication Abuse

- One of the fastest growing threats to youth today is the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs (OTC).
- There are a large number of prescription and OTC medications that have the potential for abuse which raises availability.
- Prescription and OTC medications have are easy to attain. Sources include purchasing off the internet, from friends and from the family medicine cabinet.
- The attitude toward the risk associated with prescription and OTC medication is low due to the belief that they medicine so they must be safe.

Results from Iowa Youth Survey – Prescription Drug Use

During the past 30 days, have you used prescription drugs not prescribed to you?									
	8th Grade			11th Grade			All Grades		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
Yes	3%	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	2%	5%	4%
No	97%	95%	96%	97%	93%	95%	98%	95%	96%