

Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

Monthly Resource Alert

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

11th Annual National Leadership Conference Reminder

The 2009 conference, "Beyond Boundaries: Timely Trends and Technology," will be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-817-778-2000; to receive the special discounted rate, mention the National Leadership Conference. Rooms are going fast, so please do not delay. To register for the conference, go to www.udetc.org. The fees follow: Early Bird (by July 24th): \$250; Regular (after July 24th and onsite): \$290; and Youth: \$75. Don't miss out on this momentous occasion!

Exciting Parallel Youth Track for the NLC!

For the conference this year, 14- to 17-year-old youths are again invited to share their experiences and resources and to learn from each other. The Youth Track will provide an opportunity to learn more about effective strategies, hear motivating speakers, engage in team-building activities, and develop action plans for your communities for the year ahead. The NLC's Youth Track recognizes the current leadership achievements of our Nation's youth and nurtures that leadership potential for the future! For registration information about the Youth Track and all conference highlights, go to our Web site: www.udetc.org.

Parents and Teens Differ in Their Views of Youth Concerns

Data show that parents of teenagers overestimate how important social pressures are for teenagers, according to a national telephone survey conducted by CESAR from The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University CASA. Forty-two percent of parents of teenagers reported that social pressures and relationships, such as fitting in, peer pressure, and sexual issues, were the top concern of teenagers, compared to only 22 percent of teens. In contrast, parents underestimated the importance of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the lives of teenagers. It was found that 28 percent of teens reported that alcohol and other drugs are the number one problem facing people their age, compared to only 17 percent of parents. The entire study can be found at <http://www.casacolumbia.org/articlefiles/380-2008%20Teen%20Survey%20Report.pdf>

Did you know: 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

Please Note: There will not be a June audio call.

July 2009

Using Volunteers for Underage Drinking Enforcement Operations and Other Events

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2009

Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

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

To print a hard-copy of this month's Resource Alert visit:

www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0609.pdf

Depressed Teens at Higher Risk of Committing Suicide When Drinking

A new study finds the risk of suicide rises sharply in teens that drink when they are depressed. The study conducted by the University of Connecticut Health Center shows that the suicide risk increased 68 percent among students in grades 7-12 who drank when they felt depressed and had previously thought about suicide. Risk also increased threefold among those teens who never contemplated suicide previously. The authors said the findings demonstrated the need to screen teens for alcohol use that could predict impulsive suicides. The study was published in the April 2009 issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Office of Juvenile Justice for Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) or the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETTC) and are solely of the author/source.



National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJDP Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series

2009 National Electronic Seminars Calendar

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August 2009

There will be no call due to the National Leadership Conference.

*The National Leadership Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas on August 13-14, 2009
To learn more about the Conference, please visit our website: www.udetc.org for more information.*



We want to hear from you!

Do you have an Underage Drinking Topic that would make a great National Electronic Seminar? Send us your suggestions at udetc@udetc.org and put 'NES Topic Suggestion' in the subject line!

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