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A partnership for the prevention of substance abuse among youth!

UNDERAGE DRINKING

49% of Wyoming County 12th grade students have indicated that they are current drinkers. Fatal car crashes, unplanned pregnancies, violent behavior, and alcohol dependency are very serious consequences related to underage drinking.

What teens, parents, and adults need to know about underage drinking:

- Young people who began drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who abstained until age 21.
- Alcohol use among teens is associated with the three most common causes of teenage deaths: accidental deaths (such as car crashes), homicides and suicides.
- Ninety-five percent of violent crimes on college campuses are alcohol-related. The majority of college rapes (ninety percent) involve alcohol use by either the victim and/or assailant.
- More than 70,000 students between the ages of 18-24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.
- It is against the law for anyone under the age of 21 to possess alcohol with the intent to consume.
- Adults who provide alcohol to minors face a maximum sentence of 1 year in jail and/or \$1,000 fine.
- Others can sue an adult who provided alcohol to minors if they (minors) hurt someone, hurt them or damaged property.