



Fostering Youth Leadership in the Prevention of Underage Drinking



MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons
From: Lucius Ringwald, Deborah Stewart
Re: Youth Action Teams for Underage Drinking Prevention
Date: August 4, 2008

Since 1993, the **Youth Development Training and Resource Center** at The Consultation Center has assisted youth programs, local youth-serving networks, and funders of youth agencies throughout Connecticut.

The YDTRC, with funding from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, has begun a project that will empower youth to address issues surrounding underage drinking. To facilitate this goal, the YDTRC will support a number of *Youth Action Teams* comprised of young people and led by a youth co-leader and an adult co-leader. These action teams will educate children and young adults about underage drinking prevention, instill the value of safety, encourage open discussion among peers, provide valuable career development opportunities, and promote further advocacy related to this topic.

We are currently seeking youth and adults who are interested in supporting their community. If you would like to be part of a Youth Action Team in your area, or assist the YDTRC in other planning, networking, and research functions, please share your contact information (on the opposite page). In addition, many youth have special skills and knowledge that could allow them to help in other ways, such as producing or editing videos, developing web sites, and creating blogs or Internet discussion forums.

If you would like to get involved, press the TAB key to begin the electronic survey on Page 2. When you have finished, save your changes and email to: dstewart@theconsultationcenter.org.

You may also print the survey and complete it manually, then mail to:

YDTRC at The Consultation Center
Attn: Deborah Stewart, Project Manager
389 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
(Fax: 203-562-6355, Attn: YDTRC)



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Yes, I am interested in supporting Youth Action Teams to help prevent underage drinking.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Agency (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

- I am less than 21 years old, and I would like to get more involved with people close to my age who are concerned about underage drinking and strategies for staying safe.
- I am under 21, and I would like to help teach people younger than myself about underage drinking, so that they can make healthy choices when they get older.
- I am over 21, and I would like to support this effort by being an adult partner within a local Youth Action Team.
- I am a member of an agency, committee, coalition or other group involved in youth leadership, and I would like to find out more about supporting this initiative.
- Please add my name to the project email list.
- I would like to receive periodic further information on this project.
(If the mailing address is different than the one listed, please indicate below:)

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