

# Underage Drinking

**Community Town Hall Discussions**

**Tuesday, March 23 – St. Clair High School**

**Tuesday, March 30 – Union High School**

**Exhibits – 6:30 pm**

**Program – 7:00 pm**

**Attendance Prizes and Refreshments Provided**

**Questions?**

**Call Jennifer @ Foundations for Franklin County 636-239-8420**



# Town Hall 2010

Underage Drinking

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people 15 to 20 years old

Missouri Department  
of Transportation

Underage drinking cost the United States 68 billion dollars in 2007. This translates to a cost of 2,280 dollars per year, for each youth in the country.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

In the last thirty days....

51.6% Americans aged 12 and older have  
consumed alcohol at least once

2008 Missouri Student Survey

Young people who begin drinking before  
age 15 are four times more likely to  
develop alcohol dependence than those  
who begin drinking at age 21

Journal of Substance Abuse

In the last thirty days...  
14.6% of kids age 12-17  
consumed at least 1 drink

2008 Missouri Student Survey

Drinking alcohol leads to a loss of coordination, poor judgment, slowed reflexes, distorted vision, memory lapses, and even blackouts

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



In the last thirty days...  
8.8% of kids age 12-17  
Binge drank  
(5 or more drinks within 2 hours)

2008 Missouri Student Survey

Drinking large amounts of alcohol can lead  
to coma or even death.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

In the last thirty days...  
2% of kids drank heavily  
(5 or more drinks on 5 or more occasions)

2008 Missouri Student Survey

Alcohol can damage every organ in your body. It is absorbed directly into your bloodstream and can increase your risk for a variety of life-threatening diseases, including cancer.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

In the last thirty days...  
339,540 teens tried  
alcohol  
for the first time

2008 Missouri Student Survey

Alcohol depresses your central nervous system, lowers your inhibitions, and impairs your judgment. Drinking can lead to risky behaviors, including having unprotected sex.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

If you're around people who are drinking,  
you have an increased risk of being  
seriously injured, involved in car crashes,  
or affected by violence

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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