



THE DANGERS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

The rate of underage drinking is high in the United States. In 2019, in children ages 12 to 20:

- 7.0 Million young people ages 12-20 reported that they drank alcohol beyond "a few sips" in the past month
- 24.6% of 14 to 15 year-olds reported having at least 1 drink
- 4.2 million young people ages 12-20 reported binge drinking at least once in the past month.

Underage drinking can have severe consequences for children under 21, including:

- Increased chance of injury or death from accidents
- Poor school performance
- Poor judgement and decision making
- Increased change of sexual assault

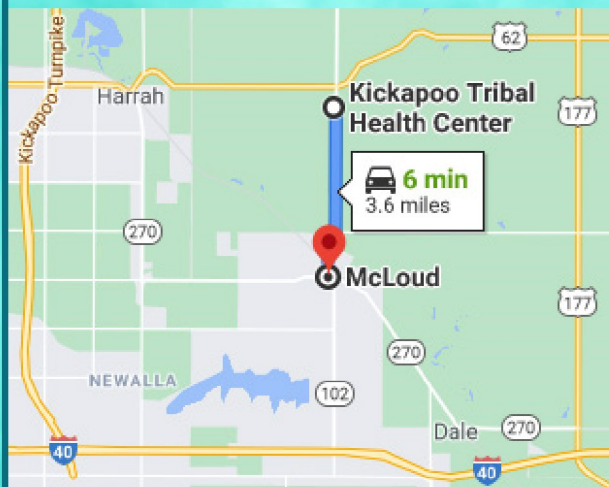
Additionally, alcohol use during teenage years can interfere with normal adolescent brain development, and increase the risk for developing alcohol dependence later in life.

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The *Preserving the Future* grant needs community partners to assist in eliminating underage drinking.

If you would like to be involved in this effort, please contact us.



Open Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

PRESERVING THE FUTURE

*by creating effective
community change to
reduce underage drinking*



*Within each child lies
our future and our past.*

Strategic Prevention Framework

Partnership for Success
(SPF-PFS Grant)



"Together, we can change the future"

The ***Preserving the Future*** project will use the CADCA's (Community Antidrug Coalitions of America) seven strategies for creating effective community change:

- Providing Information
- Enhancing Skills
- Providing Support for Prevention Activities
- Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers
- Changing Consequences (Incentives Disincentives)
- Changing Physical Design/Making Environmental Changes
- Modifying/Changing/Developing Policies

A team approach is needed to successfully address the underage drinking problem. Using the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process, community partners will:

- Agree to meet and work to establish a plan of action
- Partner with resources within the community to address underage drinking
- Help address barriers and move towards an action plan to reduce underage drinking

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Preserving the Future grant desires to preserve this generation and the next generations potential by getting a group of people who desire to roll their sleeves up and get involved with doing everything in their power to reduce underage drinking in our communities. The goal is to work towards changing what is necessary within our current systems to address the way our youth have access to alcohol, the way youth and others believe about underage drinking and to make a difference for not only this generation but also for future generations.

**BE THE WALL BETWEEN
TEENS & ALCOHOL**



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