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'DON'T BE A HOST TO UNDERAGE DRINKING' CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Graduation season is in full swing and the message the Vacaville AWARE (Advocating for Wellness, Adolescent Recovery and Education) Coalition wants to send to graduates at this momentous time is "Congratulations - have a Safe and Sober Graduation." The message AWARE wants to send to Vacaville residents is "Don't be a host to underage drinking."

AWARE is the City of Vacaville's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Coalition. The vision of AWARE is to see Vacaville as a safe community, free of the negative influence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, where all youth supported by caring adults are able to focus on positive opportunities. Its mission is to advocate for community wellness, adolescent recovery and to educate the community of the consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, through peer and community strategies.

The message "Don't be a host to underage drinking" is a promotion the AWARE Coalition has launched to inform the community about the City of Vacaville's Social Host Ordinance; Municipal Code Chapter 9.61. Adopted by the Vacaville City Council in 2008 the ordinance prohibits parties or gatherings when alcohol is obtained possessed or consumed by minors.

As part of the promotion the AWARE Coalition produced the "Don't be a Host to Underage Drinking" posters and placed them in local gas stations, convenience stores and markets that have Alcoholic Beverage Control off-sale alcohol retail licenses.

Ivonne Vaughn, the Senior Program Coordinator of ATOD and AWARE, stated that while distributing posters "local retailers were kind and appreciative to receive the free poster."

The AWARE Coalition has also purchased "Cinema pre-show advertising" and looks forward to the "Don't be a Host to Underage Drinking" message to scroll across the screens at the Brenden Theater.

Seeing the enthusiasm the Vacaville AWARE Coalition had about the "Don't be a Host to Underage Drinking" campaign, the other six cities in Solano County - Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun and Vallejo - joined the campaign. Each city was provided

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with posters to distribute in their respective communities and add their own touch to their campaign.

“It is integral to have the support of local law enforcement agencies,” Vaughn said.

That support is evident by the statement “We take under-age drinking and serving minors seriously” and the picture of the police chiefs of every Solano County city, as well as the Solano County Sheriff on the “Don’t be a Host to Underage Drinking” poster. The back of the poster has information about “What is a Social Host Law,” where to find the municipal code, how to get involved with the ATOD efforts and how to report underage drinking in each city of Solano County.

The ATOD efforts of the Vacaville AWARE Coalition are supported by the Vacaville Police Department and funded by a grant from the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

For information about the Vacaville AWARE Coalition, please contact Vaughn at (707) 449-5512.

THOSE WHO HOST - LOSE THE MOST ...

DON'T BE A HOST TO UNDERAGE DRINKING.



Providing Alcohol to Minors is a Criminal Offense.

We take under-age drinking and serving minors seriously.



Rich Word
City of Vacaville

Andrew Bidou
City of Benicia

Walt Tibbett
City of Fairfield

Gary Stanton
Solano County

Ed Dadisho
City of Suisun City

William Bowen
City of Rio Vista

Robert Nichelini
City of Vallejo

John Cox
City of Dixon

Solano County Sheriff and Chiefs of Police

What is a Social Host Law?

Social Host laws make the hosting of underage drinking parties illegal. Social laws are established in each city in Solano County. Such laws hold either the actual host of the party or the owner of the property accountable for any disruptive behavior and/or underage drinking that is going on, regardless who provided the alcohol. This allows law enforcement to issue citations without having to establish who actually provided the alcohol, which is often difficult to prove. They can also cite the minor for having consumed alcohol without having to establish possession or intoxication. As such, social host laws provide an additional tool for law enforcement to address underage drinking.

To learn more about the Social Host ordinance of your city, contact your city and cite the ordinance below:

Benicia Municipal Code Chapter 9.02 'Social Host Accountability'

Dixon Municipal Code Chapter 11.04 'Social Host Accountability'

Fairfield Municipal Code Chapter 12, Article IX 'Community Safety Ordinance'

Rio Vista Municipal Code Chapter 9.08 'Alcohol and Drug Offenses by Minors'

Suisun Municipal Code Chapter 9.21 'Social Host Ordinance'

Vacaville Municipal Code Chapter 9.61 'Social Host Ordinance'

Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 7.85 'Alcohol Offenses by Minors & Juveniles & Cost Recovery for Enforcement Services'

To learn more about the alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention efforts of your city, contact the Coalition facilitator as cited below:

Benicia Youth Action Coalition ~ Patti Baron (707) 746-4268

Dixon Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Team ~ Janet Glide (707) 678-7441

Fairfield Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Task Force ~ Jeanette Bellinder (707) 428-7749

Rio Vista All City Team ~ Judi Craner (707) 374-06451 x 122

Suisun City Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug City Team ~

Cathy Dacanay-Rader (707) 421-7225

Vacaville AWARE Coalition ~ Ivonne Vaughn (707) 449-5512

Vallejo All City Team ~ Susan Schoenrock (707) 553-7267

To report underage drinking in your neighborhood call your local Police Department:

Benicia (707) 745-3411

Dixon (707) 678-7080

Fairfield (707) 428-7300

Rio Vista (707) 374-2300

Suisun (707) 421-7373

Vacaville (707) 449-5200

Vallejo 911