



## ***Prevention Network of Washington County***

**It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol.** Allowing underage youth to drink alcohol in your home endangers everyone's children. Together, as a community, we are all saying hosting or allowing underage drinking is unacceptable in Washington County.

**The Parents Who Host Lose the Most:** Don't be a party to teenage drinking public awareness campaign was developed by Ohio's Drug-Free Action Alliance in 2000. The campaign objectives are to educate parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen house parties and to increase awareness of and compliance with local underage drinking laws.

Wisconsin implemented a similar statewide campaign in April 2011. Prevention Network of Washington County participated in a media campaign that displayed yard signs, banners, stickers, placemats and billboards. This campaign in Washington County was implemented with special focus during prom and graduation season. The Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign will be implemented throughout Washington County. Anyone that would like to participate, please contact Prevention Network.

### ***Underage Drinking Laws***

#### **What parents should know:**

- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under age 21 under any circumstance even in your own home, even with parent's permission.
- You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

#### **If you break the law:**

- You can be sued and found liable if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, themselves, or damage property.
- You can lose your house, job, freedom, life savings and reputation by serving to minors
- Officers can take any alcohol, money, or property used in committing the offense.

#### **Things you can do as a parent:**

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- Be at home when your teen has a party.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- Report underage drinking to local law enforcement

