

Guidelines for Hosting or Supervising Events

- ✓ *Make sure alcohol is not accessible to teens.*
- ✓ *Encourage “by invitation only” parties.*
- ✓ *Let guests who leave the party know that they may not return.*
- ✓ *Call the parents of any youth who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.*
- ✓ *Help anyone who is under the influence to get home safely.*
- ✓ *Call the police if the party gets out of control.*
- ✓ *Tell your teens you signed the Parent / Community Pledge and what it means.*
- ✓ *Designate a responsible adult to supervise your teen when you are out of town or unavailable.*
- ✓ *When your teen is invited to a party, contact the adult in charge to verify*
 - *The location and hours of the party.*
 - *That there will be adult supervision.*
 - *That no alcohol or other drugs will be served or allowed.*
- ✓ *When your teen gets home from a party, check in with him or her.*
- ✓ *Talk to other parents about hosting alcohol-free youth parties.*

The West County Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking is a group of concerned citizens and organizations that have come together to address the problems of underage drinking. With federal funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Coalition completed a local community assessment in West County and is using this data and research-proven approaches to change risky environments that encourage underage drinking. This effort will bring many parts of our community together to strengthen existing policies to make Sebastopol, Forestville and the West County a safer place for youth and the community at large.

Coalition Partners:

Parents

Sonoma County Department of Health Services

Sebastopol Police Department

West County Community Services

Department of Alcohol Beverage Control

Sonoma County Sheriff Department

Sonoma County Juvenile Court

West Sonoma County Union High School District