



Underage Drinking Community Forum
March 2010

Facilitation Guide

Conversation Sector: Hosting a Teen Party & Law Enforcement Partnerships

	Activity	Time limit
1.	Introductions	1 minute
2.	Topic Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>What is it:</u> According to a recent survey we conducted, both adults and youth respondents rated house parties as the number one place where teens consume alcohol. Knowing how to host a teen party and having effective law enforcement play an important role in preventing underage drinking. • <u>Scenario:</u> Read the scenario of the Fallbrook house party to set the stage for group discussion. 	3 minutes
3.	Fallbrook Case Study – What went wrong? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fallbrook house party demonstrates what could potentially go wrong when hosting a teen party. Let’s talk about why things got out of control and what steps we can take to prevent the same thing from happening at our homes. • Party goes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What happened: The party was intended to be for Gibney’s daughter and her classmates. Do you think other teens and/or young adults crashed the party? How? ✓ What would you do: How can you prevent party crashers? ✓ *Recommendation: Agree on a guest list • Alcohol: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What happened: The party was intended to be alcohol-free. How do you think youth obtained alcohol at the party? ✓ What would you do: What would you do if people showed up to your house with alcohol? Even if they were older than 21? ✓ *Recommendation: Simply ask them to leave! • Adult Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What happened: Mrs. Gibney was the only adult supervisor at the party. Do you think that was a reason things got out of control? ✓ What would you do: Is adult supervision really necessary? How many adult chaperones should there be? What should their role be? ✓ *Recommendation: Be visible and available, but don’t join the party! <p>* Only share recommendations when you have exhausted the topic.</p>	8 minutes

4.	<p>“Stereotypes and Expectations” –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fallbrook Case is a good example of law enforcement enforcing underage drinking laws, in this case the social host ordinance. However, it wasn’t because someone reported the party. • Why do people NOT call police to report underage drinking parties? <i>Encourage discussion; if quiet, use the following prompts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Afraid of getting in trouble ✓ Believe law enforcement wont do anything anyway ✓ Don’t really think underage drinking parties are a problem • Why would law enforcement NOT enforce underage drinking laws (including social host)? <i>Encourage discussion; if quiet, use the following prompts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Takes too much time and resources for little penalty ✓ People uncooperative; don’t provide info needed to make case ✓ General public not supportive of law enforcement 	5 minutes
5.	<p>Action Steps – let’s discuss what can we do to improve communication and relationships between law enforcement and the general public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can law enforcement do to encourage community support? <i>Encourage discussion; if quiet, use the following prompts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be consistent – enforce underage drinking laws; view as priority ✓ Be fair ✓ Thank community members for contacting them • What can community members do to help law enforcement? <i>Encourage discussion; if quiet, use the following prompts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Call and report underage drinking crimes (i.e. house parties, stores, that sell, places where teens gather to drink) ✓ Support law enforcement (say ‘thank you,’ write letters to them or to the newspaper in support of law enforcement) 	3 minutes
6.	<p>What will YOU do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If time permits, ask participants to share specific things they will do to prevent underage drinking in their homes and their community. 	If time permits