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Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to underage drinking

April is Alcohol Awareness month as well as prom, the beginning of graduation and summer party season. As we approach these important times for our youth, it is a time for all responsible adults to bring the topic of safe behaviors to the attention of the teens we love. It is also a time to remind parents the dangers of hosting underage drinking parties. Hosting a party where alcohol is available to underage youth is illegal and can pose serious health risks.

To bring public awareness, The Alliance for Substance use Prevention of Langlade County in cooperation with the Langlade County Health Department is kicking off their campaign, "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most." This campaign provides information to parents about the health risks and consequences of providing alcohol to youth. In addition, the campaign encourages parents and the community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is not acceptable.

According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 33% of Antigo high school students had at least one drink in the past 30 days. Further this survey reported that 16% of Antigo high school students binge drank within the last 30 days. The following tips can be used by parents, caregivers, or even friends to help everyone enjoy a safe and happy spring and summer season.

- Set expectations regarding underage drinking.
- Keep open lines of communication.
- Listen in a nonjudgmental way.
- Be a good role model. Parents and guardians are the most important role models for their children.
- Secure and monitor the alcohol in your home.
- Talk with other parents, caregivers and friends. Getting to know other parents and guardians can help you stay connected with what is going on in your child's life.
- If you are hosting a party, have non-alcoholic beverages available.

For more information visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/phlsasindex.htm>.

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