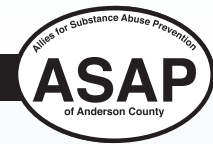


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:



Changes to the Tennessee Driver License – What Does it Mean for Alcohol Outlets?

Did you know that the State of Tennessee has made changes to the driver license? Tennessee is now issuing a temporary paper license to people getting a Tennessee license for the first time or renewing their license. The paper license is valid until the new license or ID comes in the mail.

What does that mean for alcohol outlets? According to Kim Pouncey, TopShelfRBS Executive, “when someone presents a paper ID to purchase alcohol, servers and sellers must simply ask to see the original ID and compare the information on both documents, paying special attention to date of birth. Once that step is done then the server/seller also needs to confirm the ID belongs to the presenter and the old ID they are presenting is real.”

It is important for outlets to acknowledge the paper ID as a legal document and outlets may accept the paper ID for the purchase of alcohol. ASAP encourages business to follow the TopShelf Codes of Carding when checking any ID, which are taught in the ASAP Responsible Alcohol Sales Class. Pouncey stated, “as with any form of ID, if a server or seller of alcohol does not feel the ID or paper ID is valid, they can either ask for a second form of ID or refuse the sale altogether.”

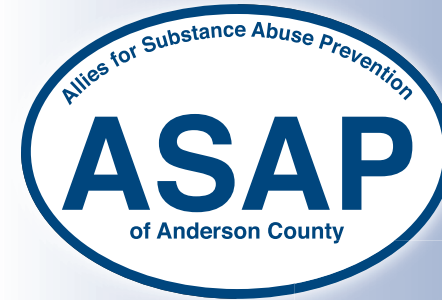
If your business has not attend a Responsible Alcohol Sales training, we encourage your business attend the next available class. If you have questions about state alcohol laws or local ordinances or would like to review or update your store policies, please contact us. We will work with your business at no charge.

Thank you for your vigilance in protecting the youth of Anderson County! If you have any questions on other ways you can maintain compliance with underage drinking laws, please contact Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention at (865) 457-3007 or Michael@ASAPofAnderson.org. For additional resources please visit our online resource store, where all materials are free to business operating in Anderson County.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Stephanie A. Strutner, MPH, Executive Director



RED RIBBON RIVALRY

Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention recognition week. By participating in community events and raising awareness for drug prevention, we, in essence, pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

Special Agent Camarena was an 11-year veteran of the DEA assigned to Guadalajara, Mexico. In Mexico, Camarena was responsible for trailing the country’s biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. In 1985, he came extremely close to unlocking the mystery of a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline. Prior to the unfolding of his case, he was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers. His death is said to be the eye-opener for Americans to the international scope and dangers of the drug trade.

This year, in Anderson County, we will hold the Red Ribbon Rivalry during the month of January, culminating on Tuesday, January 28. In many instances, our culture tends to focus on the negative; this year, ASAP will accentuate the positive by celebrating the multitude of adolescents in our community who make positive, healthy choices. Teaming up with local schools and students, we will launch the “I am ONE” campaign, celebrating students who choose not to use alcohol and illicit drugs.

Posters will be hung in the hallways at schools and red ribbons will be available for purchase across the community at stores, gas stations, and online at www.ASAPofAnderson.org. All proceeds will benefit prevention activities right here in Anderson County. Please purchase a red ribbon at a store near you to show your support for prevention during January!



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ASAP UPDATES:



- Operation Medicine Cabinet, held on October 26, 2013, netted 231.6 pounds of medicine
- The Operation Rx permanent medicine disposal bin installed at CPD collected 62.4 pounds during September, 42.2 pounds during October, and 56 pounds during November
- ASAP's Annual Strategic Planning meeting will be held on January 27, 2013 at the Junior Achievement Building from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

ALLY ACCOUNT:



Submitted by: **Amy Olson**

I have had the great pleasure of being a member of ASAP from the very beginning. Not long after beginning my job at Ridgeview as the Director of Children and Youth Services five years ago, I received a phone call regarding a group of concerned citizens who wanted to form an anti-drug coalition. Our first meeting in 2008 was to strategize what it would take to form such a group. We were so fortunate to have Stephanie Armbrister Strutner attend that meeting and help guide us. We began as a small group with big ideas and, under her leadership, Stephanie has helped lead us to accomplish those great ideas.

This past year I served as the Chairperson of ASAP and was able to further experience the wonderful working relationships of this coalition. We truly have the best, most dedicated volunteers. I have spent many a cold and hot morning at our Operation Medicine Cabinets and been amazed by the community's response to disposing of their medications properly. The work ASAP has done with youth and their families is the closest to my heart. Our "I Am One" campaign has helped youth at local high schools recognize that not doing drugs is the norm. In communities where drug abuse appears to be rampant hopeful we have shown these teens that they can change that.

ASAP still has a long way to go in the fight to eliminate drug usage in Anderson County. The epidemic of infants being born drug exposed and the long term effects that can have on the child's development is of great concern to me. As a therapist I have seen a significant increase in request for services for children under 5 years of age. We must educate mothers and families on the severe effects caused by using drugs, especially pain pills, during pregnancy. I encourage anyone who has a desire to be a part of this positive change to come join the wonderful work being done at ASAP.

NOTES:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Anderson County businesses serving beer or alcohol can receive resources from ASAP free of charge. Simply go to www.ASAPofAnderson.org and click on the Resources tab. Under Business Materials you will find ID Coders, Age-Verification Calendars, ID Checking Guides, Magnifying Glasses, "We ID" Table Tents and Static Clings as well as printable versions of local ordinances, Responsible Vendor Act Guidelines and the Tennessee Responsibility Act.

Thanks to our donors!

Wendy Williams
Stephanie Strutner
Secret City ½ Marathon

RECENT HAPPENINGS:



General Dave Clark, Volunteers Receive Honors

During Red Ribbon Week, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County recognized community leaders and volunteers for outstanding efforts toward preventing drug use in our community. "Red Ribbon Week is the national observance of drug prevention awareness across the country, and an appropriate time to honor our volunteers," said Stephanie Strutner, Executive Director of ASAP.

"Our volunteers are what make our wheels turn," Strutner said, continuing that "through 1,779.75 collective volunteer hours, they engaged in policy advocacy, changed consequences for drug abuse, provided information, increased skills among local parents and professionals, reduced barriers by organizing medication disposal opportunities, and provided support to adolescents."

A number of volunteers contributed to the accomplishments during the past year; however, several were recognized for their outstanding contributions. Dave Clark, District Attorney General, was presented ASAP's 2013 Prevention Power Partner Award, given for his fierce support for prevention efforts. By his work, our community is a safer, healthier place. Upon receiving the award, General Clark said, "I'm grateful for the privilege of working with many great people and organizations, like ASAP, that are helping make Anderson County a better and safer place to live."

ASAP also honored outgoing coalition leaders: Amy Olson and Nancy Foster were recognized for their dedication during the 2012-2013 year. Newly elected officers include Kim Pouncey—Chair, John Kelsey—Co-Chair, and Theresa Venable and Kathy Scruggs will be Co-Record Keepers. In addition, David Vudragovich will step in as Chairperson for the Fundraising Subcommittee.

ASAP also awarded John Kelsey and Mary Tuskan with the Kris Stults Distinguished Service Award. Kris, who passed away in 2012, was influential in the development of ASAP and the award is given in her memory to individuals who carry on her legacy in creating opportunities for adolescents to live substance-free lives.

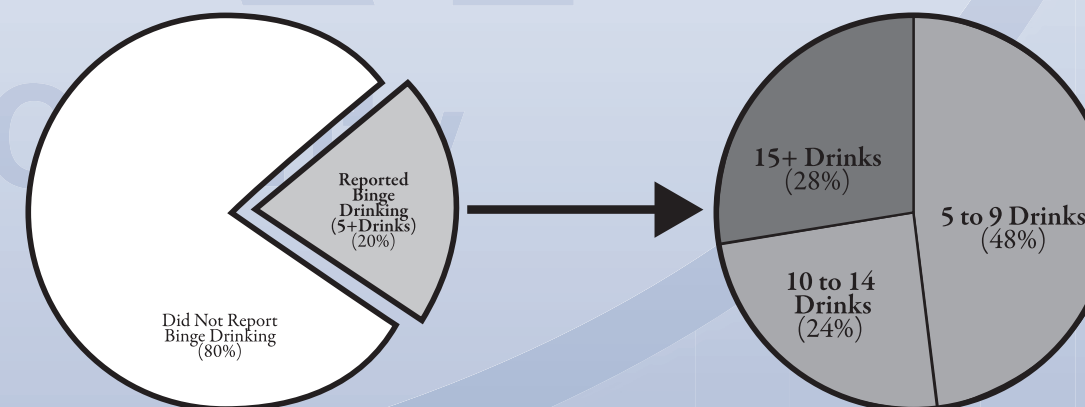
"We are proud of all our volunteers have accomplished and are thrilled to be able to honor their achievements," said Strutner.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BYTES:



More Than Half of 12th Grade Binge Drinkers Drink Ten or More Drinks in a Row

Between 2005 and 2011, the first national study to examine binge drinking showed one in five U.S. high school seniors reported binge drinking—drinking five or more drinks in a row. More than half (52%) of these binge drinkers were considered extreme binge drinkers and drank 10 or more drinks in a row. More than a quarter (28%) of these seniors drank 15 or more drinks in a row. Although the study showed that students in more rural areas were more likely to report extreme binge drinking of 15 or more drinks in a row than more urban areas, high school grades and college plans did not predict binge drinking at any level.



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Patrick, M.E., Schulenberg, J.E., Martz, M.E., Maggs, J.L., O'Malley, P.M., and Johnston, L.D., "Extreme Binge Drinking Among 12th-Grade Students in the United States, Prevalence and Predictors, JAMA Pediatrics 167(11):1019-1025. For more information, contact Dr. Megan Patrick at meganpat@umich.edu.