

**YOUTH AND FAMILY ADVISORY BOARD
Partnerships For Success Coalition**Meeting Notes
October 18th, 2010

Attendance: Jocelyn Ault, Sandy Eng-Higgs, Monica Lazaro, William Muniz, Denise Nalezynski, John Popik, Greta Roberts

Staff: Tammy Trojanowski, Denique Weidema

Guests: Jan Laster, RYASAP; Catherine LeVasseur, The Governor's Prevention Partnership, Stephanie Moran, The Governor's Prevention Partnership

Welcome

The Coalition meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Grant Updates**Survey at Pumpkin Festival**

During the Boothe Park Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 16th, parents of youth in grades 5 and above were asked to complete our parent survey. More than twenty surveys were completed; many parents upon completion of the survey mentioned that they were unaware of the Stratford Police Department's TIPLine. This qualitative information will provide future opportunities to engage parents as well as inform the community about local resources such as the TIPLine and the Social Host law. The final version of the parent survey is included.

WIYC? Webisode release

Funds made possible through Year 1 PFS grant funds provided HYPE 2010 seniors with the opportunity to work with the Sib Law of Saxon Mills Inc. to write, film, and produce a 5-part webisode series entitled, "What's In Your Cup?" to give audiences a visual representation of the social and legal consequences of social hosting and peer pressure. Currently, all 5 episodes of *What's In Your Cup?* are available for public view at www.whatsinyourcup.blip.tv. The coalition brainstormed creative ways to distribute this series throughout multiple town and community venues as well as a large media event. Ideas included:

- Auditorium discussions through the After-School program/ Movin' On Up
- Including the video as part of 7th and 9th grade parent/child orientation
- Hosting a parent/child night with a focus on "Talk to your kids"
- Assign watching the video as homework
- Make the video available on Public Access
- Investigate if Cablevision would be interested in making an episode into a PSA
- Play the video during lunch periods at the high school
- Host a youth event in collaboration with the Library's Teen Services
- Hosting a press conference to premiere the video
- Make available through the Community Services website
- Make available for use through the Health Educators at the middle and high schools
- Collaborate with other youth-serving organizations; play video during a larger youth event.

Emerging Trends in the Alcohol Industry

Catherine LeVasseur, Program Manager at the Governor's Prevention Partnership, presented the coalition with the Emerging Trends...presentation. The slides will be included in the November 15th Coalition meeting notes.



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Strategic Plan Activities

Liquor Permittee Engagement

As mentioned at last month's meeting, ID Booklets and signage were provided to all 92 current liquor permittees in Stratford to encourage compliance with retail liquor laws. A request has been made to the Police Department to accompany Denique to visits with permittees, which will be conducted throughout the holiday season leading to the next compliance check.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has been approved by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). A revision is needed for the evaluation section part of the plan; our evaluator DuBay Horton Associates will be working on the revision with coalition feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Denique Weidema

Anonymous Stratford Parent Survey 2010

Stratford Partnerships For Success (PFS) Coalition is working to better understand and address underage drinking among Stratford Youth. Please take a moment to complete this brief survey to help us understand Stratford parents' attitudes about underage drinking.

Please answer this survey about your oldest child. That grade would be? _____

1. I believe that... a. Underage drinking is a problem, but not in Stratford. b. Underage drinking is a problem in Stratford. c. Underage drinking is not a problem.

2. I am Hispanic a. True b. False

3. I am... a. American Indian (Native American) b. Asian c. Black d. White e. Other (Please specify)

4. I am... a. Male b. Female

5. How many dinners does your family eat together each week?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

6. Teenagers drinking alcohol (more than a few sips) is...

a. Acceptable b. Somewhat acceptable c. Unacceptable d. Very unacceptable

7. Do you have any ideas about what could be done about underage drinking in Stratford?

8. Of the following options, what might you want to help you learn more about communicating with your child about the risks of underage drinking? (Please check all that apply)

- Email newsletter Single session training Multiple session training
 Information sent to my home Other _____

9. How easy is it for Stratford kids to get alcohol at these locations?

Very easy to get Easy to get Not easy/ not hard Fairly hard to get Very hard to get

	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> from a store in Stratford	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> from a friend's home	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> from a store in another town	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> an older sibling or friend buy it for them	1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> from their parent's home	1	2	3	4	5

10. My child(ren) are in... check all that apply

- Pre-school K-6th grade 7-8th grade 9-10th grade 11-12th grade out of high school but under 21

11. When your child is out with friends, do you know...

Never Seldom Sometimes Mostly Always

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Mostly	Always
where s/he is?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
who s/he is with?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
what s/he is doing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Please answer...

Never Seldom Sometimes Mostly Always

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Mostly	Always
When your child gets home are you awake to greet them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you concerned about your child using alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you discuss issues that are important to your child with them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you ensure that an adult is present at events your child attends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you talk with your child's friends/parents on issues that concern you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Have you ever or would you ever allow your child to drink with his or her friends in your home or on your property? Yes No Not applicable all my children are under Grade 6.

	Very Likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Host a party with alcohol for your child and their friends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call another parent to ensure that parties your child is attending are closely chaperoned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call the Stratford Tip Line?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitor the liquor in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Please choose the response that best describes how you feel... **Very True** **Somewhat True** **Not True**

	Very True	Somewhat True	Not True
Drinking is an inevitable part of growing up.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is OK for adults to drink as long as they don't drive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have very little control over whether my child drinks alcohol or not.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is not acceptable for a teenager to drive if they have drunk alcohol at all.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel uncomfortable calling to check in with the parents of my child's friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child drinks alcohol.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is intrusive to ask other parents about how they raise their kids.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I think my child drinks alcohol less than other kids his/her own age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Connecticut has a new Social Host law under which adults, who serve or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21 can be fine, jailed and/or held criminally liable if that minor is killed or injured, or kills or injures another person. Given this law, how likely are you to...

	Very likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Host a party with alcohol for your child and their friends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call another parent to ensure that parties your child is attending are closely chaperoned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call the Stratford Tip Line?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitor the liquor in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closely chaperone the parties in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. When it comes to monitoring my child's drinking, I think I am...

- Stricter than other parents About the same as other parents. More lenient than other parents

18. Does your child have a cell phone?

- Yes No Don't know

19. The last time your child was away from you for a significant period of time (more than 3 hours) were you in contact with (check all that apply)...

- your child by his/her cell phone your child from a land line they were on A parent or other adult they were with

Thank you for completing this survey. Please stay tuned to Stratford Partnerships For Success (PFS) Coalition at (203) 385-4095 or www.townofstratford.com/communityservices for more information on underage drinking prevention activities and events in Stratford!