

**Underage Drinking Town Hall  
Breakout Reports  
March 30, 2006  
Hilltop House**



***Focus Question: What can the community, parents, schools, county, do to prevent underage drinking?***

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Facilitator: Georgina Williams**

- Don't talk down to them, speak the truth and include them in the discussion.
- "It Takes A Village"
  - Role models in the community reinforcing information
  - Mentors forming relationships with our youth
- Keep building trusting relationship as they grow – provide support.

**MID SCHOOL – Facilitator: Jennifer Bartram**

- Use parents as an excuse to avoid peer pressure.
- Parental help (pick up)
- Keep kids busy.
- Parental stress regarding grades
- More education

## **HIGH SCHOOL – Facilitator: Kim McCormick**

- Parents know who the kids are at your house.
- Parents know what they are doing.
- Curfew must be before your bedtime!
- Parents let your kids know that you know they may drink
- Put more focus on other drugs.
- Know what is happening.
- Make rules and punishment clear.
- Keep communication lines open – maintain honesty on both sides.
- Parents make sure you are strict about the right things.

## **COMMUNITY – Facilitators: Alan Kirk & Sharon Stover**

- Have more public meetings like tonight.
- Make statistics for Los Alamos available to that we know what we are dealing with as a community.
- Need for funding for programs for youth *prior* to youth getting into trouble with JPO.
  - Currently local level for funding low.
  - Los Alamos statistics are not high enough to be eligible for increased State funding.
- Referral process should be more open to allow counselors, judges, and parents to refer youth to diversion programs.
- Provide educational programs for younger parents so that they have the coping skills needed to deal with their teenager.
- No More House Parties! Parents need to take responsibility to know where their kids are!
- Recognition of community youth sponsors that provide alcohol/drug free activities; i.e., Min Park's efforts.
- Patronize businesses who support youth.

- Partnership with other municipalities on preventive activities.
- Information to parents on where the parties routinely are; i.e., pumice mines, dome, 'shroom', reflector, moonshine, etc.
- Information to parents on resources to contact in case of a party: forest service, park service, BIA, and LAPD.
- Determine if there can be charges brought against the parents for not being responsible for their child. Can a parent be charged if their child is caught drinking?
- Replicate activities like CAG Dances, old YWY, and engage parents and businesses to help.
- Simulate an accident – 'every 15 seconds'.
- Boost the confidence/courage that parents are lacking. Appears to many that parents in our community are lacking courage to tell their kids 'no.'
- Work with an 'undercover teen' who will assist LAPD in busting parties. (This was actually suggested by a teen.)
- Develop a 'hotline' or 'e-mail' for parents to call in parties to LAPD.