



# BERGEN COUNTY Prevention Coalition

## What is the BCPC?

### #1 Who are we?

The Bergen County Prevention Coalition (BCPC) is a collaboration of individuals and organizations that are committed to, and passionate about reducing the rates of alcohol and drug use among youth and young adults in Bergen County.

BCPC's members work together to address these issues by leveraging resources and building on the group's collective strengths to influence the environment as it relates to underage drinking, prescription medication misuse, reducing the use of illegal drugs with a special focus on opioids, and reducing the use of new and emerging drugs of abuse across the lifespan.

### #2 What do we do?

#### Sticker Shock

A community awareness program designed to prevent people 21 and older from purchasing alcohol & providing it to underage individuals.

Participants involved in Sticker Shock events, visit partnering liquor stores and place bottle hangers, stickers, and window clings with a warning message about the penalties for providing alcohol to anyone under 21. This unique program represents a partnership among youth, retail establishments, law enforcement and prevention specialists. It's a great opportunity for community groups, faith based groups, school based programs or any group interested in preventing underage drinking.



#### Training for Intervention Procedures (TiPS)



A restaurant/bar server training program that aims to prevent alcohol related problems in both consumer and commercial settings. TiPS teaches servers the skills needed to identify behavioral cues of a patron who may be intoxicated. TiPS also teaches appropriate ways to handle such a situation to ensure they (the staff person and the establishment) stay in compliance with the law, don't aggravate the situation at hand or cause disruption to other guests.

Additionally, TiPS teaches staff about the legal liability **they** face when serving alcohol and the legal liability an establishment may face. For example the fact that a server or bartender, as well as licensee, can be sued should a patron be involved in a drunk driving accident. TiPS is offered throughout Bergen County at **no cost** through funding received by the BCPC.

### **Hidden in Plain Sight**

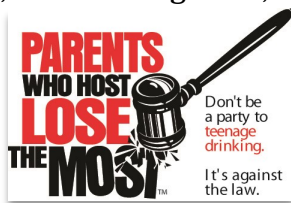
An interactive evening highlighting the recreation of a teenagers bedroom in which various drug paraphernalia or "stash items" are hidden. Parents/guardians are encouraged to walk through and search with the awareness that some items *may not be what they seem*. The event includes a



presentation identifying and explaining some of the items the audience discovered and how parents may be unaware of the item's potential uses. This program is available for different parent associations/groups, school parent events, etc.

### **Community Education for Specific Audiences**

Programs or workshops based on the needs of the community, group and/or age of audience. Topics may include but are not limited to: Underage Drinking, Tobacco, Illicit Drugs, Prescription Medicine, New and Emerging Drugs Trends, Refusal Skills, Parent Programs, Emotional and Social Skills, and Stress and Anxiety. These also include Evidence Based programming such as Parents Who Host Lose the Most.



### **Policy**

The partners with communities, organizations, and establishments to create formal and long lasting change in the form of written procedures, by-laws, proclamations, and initiatives.

### **School/ Organization Staff Trainings**

Presentations and workshops are available on emerging drug trends, such as THC concentrates and Electronic Cigarettes. These workshops are designed to help staff identify drug paraphernalia, learn new information about trends, educate about addiction, as well as outline the signs or symptoms of being under the influence or a substance use disorder. We can tailor presentations to suit the size and need of the school or community organization.

### **Youth Action Group Advisement**

We believe that our youth are agents of change for our future and foster an environment to encourage this through several peer leadership programs.



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### **Provide Resource Materials and Technical Assistance**

Health Fairs  
Municipal Alliances  
Community Organizations  
Environmental Scans

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**How can you get involved?**

### **Membership Meetings**

3rd Thursday of every month  
10:00am - 11:30am

Contact us for meeting location/ Zoom details.

### **Youth Action Group/ Task Force Meetings**

We have opportunities for youth to get involved and earn community service hours.

Contact us for further information.

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