



Alcohol Sales and Youth Violence

Two new studies from researchers at the University of California-Riverside have found connections between alcohol sales and violent crime rates among teens and young adults. The first study found a connection between liquor store density and violent crime rates among teens and young adults. Researchers studied alcohol availability and violent crime rates from 91 of the largest cities in the US between 1984 and 2006. After taking into account other factors, researchers found that higher densities of liquor stores and easier access to alcohol contributed to higher rates of youth homicide. The second study researched violent crime rates and the availability of single-serve alcohol containers in San Bernardino, CA. Researchers found that violent crime rates were generally higher in areas surrounding stores that allotted more than 10% of cooler space to single-serve containers. Robert N. Parker, one of the authors of both studies, said "These results suggest that alcohol control can be an important tool in violence prevention. Policies designed to reduce outlet density can provide relief from violence in and around these neighborhood outlets. And banning or reducing the sales of single-serve, ready-to-consume containers of alcohol can have an additional impact on preventing violence." Read more and find links to the studies at <http://newsroom.ucr.edu/2717>.

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News & Updates

It's hard to believe that October will be here in just one more day! As September draws to a close, please don't forget to finish up your monthly activity report and mail/email/fax it in. We look forward to reading how you got the new school year started with your team!

From the Training Team

In the PRIDE world, we have all experienced the frustration of getting and KEEPING new members on our teams. It can be so aggravating when so many people show up for the first meeting, but we just can't seem to keep everyone coming back. Here are some things to think about to keep spirits up and numbers on your team high. The key to keeping your new members is to make sure everyone is always participating and having fun! There are plenty of ways that you can do this on your home team as well! One of the most popular ways for teams to bond is through movie nights. Whether it is at someone's house or going to a theater, who doesn't love watching an awesome movie with great company? Another option is to create and regularly update a Facebook/Twitter page for your team. In today's society, this might be the best way to inform members of upcoming dates or even just share some funny team photos! You could also have fun and goofy parties with your team for the holidays (don't forget Halloween is coming up). If none of these help and members are dropping like flies, it may be time to call the Training Team for some extra help ;)

-Sarah Burgess

National Recovery Month

According to SAMHSA, nearly 20.9 million people in the US aged 12 or older needed but did not receive treatment for substance use disorders. Numbers like that reveal the need for recovery resources as well as the importance of prevention. As National Recovery Month draws to a close, visit <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/> to learn more. Also, check out the [Our Stories](#) page at Faces & Voices of Recovery to read inspirational stories from people in long-term recovery and from loved ones of people in recovery.

Get Involved in PRIDE2012

While conference seems far away, it's not too early to think about how you can get involved. National Team, PRIDE Guides, workshops, awards, Challenge and Talent Show...there are so many ways to use your skills and talents! Now is a great time to do some thinking and planning. Contact us anytime with questions or for more information.