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## **Money Dispersed Statewide to Stop Teen Drinking Parties** *“Parents Who Host, Lose The Most” Message Spread During Prom and Graduation*

**Columbus** – Drug-Free Action Alliance today announced that 26 grants totaling \$58,000 have been awarded for a public awareness campaign that educates parents about the legal ramifications and health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen parties. ***“Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking”*** is in its eighth year.

“These grants are given to communities around the state to increase the distribution of this important message,” Drug-Free Action Alliance Executive Director Patricia Harmon said. “Substance abuse prevention coalitions and agencies, schools, businesses and law enforcement will work together on activities such as compliance checks and party patrols.”

Drug-Free Action Alliance developed the ***“Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking”*** to encourage parents and the community to send a unified message at prom and graduation time that teen alcohol consumption is not acceptable; it is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol. Since the campaign began in 2000, a survey of teens and their parents shows there have been observable changes in attitudes and behaviors related to underage drinking:

- There was a 36% decrease among youth respondents from 2001 to 2006 who indicated that they had attended a party in the last two months where alcohol was served to youth.
- There was a 29% decrease among parent respondents from 2001 to 2006 who indicated that they know of other parents who host parties where alcohol is available or served to teens.
- Likewise, there was a 42% decrease among youth respondents from 2001 to 2006 who indicated that they know of parents who host parties where alcohol is available or served to teens.

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Red Ribbon Celebration

College Initiative to  
Reduce  
High Risk Drinking

Ohio Resource Network  
Clearinghouse

Statewide Prevention  
Coalition Association

Parents Who Host, Lose  
The Most: Don't be a party  
to teenage drinking

Volunteers In Prevention

Know!

Youth Philanthropy  
Council

Methamphetamine  
Initiative

Drug-Free Action Alliance provides leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio with programs and initiatives such as Know! and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration. The agency website is [www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org).

The following is a complete list of grantees.

<b>County</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Grant amount</b>
Allen	Allen County Health Department	\$2,500
Athens	Health Recovery Services, Inc	\$3,500
Belmont	Belmont County Sheriff's Office	\$1,000
Butler	Alcohol & Chemical Abuse Council of SW Ohio	\$2,500
Butler	Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Fairfield	\$1,000
Butler	Talawanda School District	\$2,500
Columbiana	Family Recovery Center	\$1,000
Cuyahoga	Shaker Prevention Coalition	\$3,500
Fairfield	Sugar Grove Police Department	\$1,000
Geauga	Geauga County Educational Service Center	\$2,500
Green	Integrated Youth Services	\$1,000
Hamilton	Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati	\$3,500
Hamilton	SAGA Coalition	\$1,000
Hamilton	Winton Woods Community Coalition	\$2,500
Henry	Henry County Family and Children First Council	\$1,000
Lake	Crossroads	\$2,500
Licking	Pathways of Licking County	\$1,000
Lucas	The Community Partnership	\$3,500
Lucas	Sylvania Community Action Team (SCAT)	\$2,500
Meigs	Meigs County Family & Children First Council	\$2,500
Muskingum	Muskingum Behavioral Health	\$1,000
Richland	Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY)	\$3,500
Summit	Summit County Community Partnership	\$3,500
Union	Union County Sheriff's Office	\$1,000
Wayne	STEPS at Liberty Center	\$3,500
Wood	Prevention Partners of Wood County	\$3,500

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