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## **Drug-Free Action Alliance Hosts Training for Ohio Colleges and Universities**

Drug-Free Action Alliance, through its Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking, hosted a seminar for college project directors featuring Beth DeRicco, Associate Center Director at The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention. Co-Presenting was Mary Jo Desprez, Alcohol Policy and Community Initiatives Program Administrator at the University of Michigan. The session focused on using policy to create change and complying with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and drug and alcohol abuse prevention regulations.

“Drug-Free Action Alliance is pleased to bring representatives from Ohio’s colleges and universities together to work on combating the damaging effects high-risk drinking is having on Ohio’s campuses,” said Executive Director Patricia Harmon. “We are excited that we have two individual of national prominence like Beth DeRicco and Mary Jo Desprez here to talk about effective and proven ways to reduce excessive and harmful underage drinking at our institutions of higher learning.”

High-risk drinking on college campuses nationwide results yearly in more than 1,700 deaths, 696,000 assaults and more than 599,000 injuries of students ages 18-24 years.

Drug-Free Action Alliance took the national lead to address this major concern when it began the Ohio College Initiative in 1996 to address high-risk drinking among college students. Currently, there are 45 higher education institutions in Ohio participating in this program. The Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking encourages and supports the collaboration of campus and communities to implement environmental changes such as restricting marketing and promotion of alcohol and ensuring consistent enforcement of laws and policies.

Drug-Free Action Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization that provides leadership to promote safe and drug free communities throughout Ohio. In addition to the Ohio College Initiative to Reduce High-Risk Drinking, its programs and initiatives include “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: *Don't be a party to teenage drinking*”, Know!, the Ohio Center for Coalition Excellence and the Ohio Red Ribbon Celebration.

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