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Upcoming Trainings

A New Membership Association-- SCOPE

JUNE 15, 2011 - The School and College Organization for Prevention Educators (SCOPE), a not-for-profit association and interdisciplinary hub for school, college and community prevention educators, prioritizes the advancement of primary prevention research, practice, implementation and bringing dedicated educators together. Read here

1st SCOPE Annual International Conference 2011
When: October 21-23, 2011
Where: Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida
Details: Registration; Call for Proposals; Conference format

Articles

Study Examines Public Health Effects of Minimum Legal Drinking Age (MLDA) July 15, 2011- Recent economic analyses: setting the MLDA at 21 clearly reduces alcohol consumption and its major harms. Read here

Long Term Memory of young adults damaged by binge drinking due to the neurotoxic effect of alcohol on the developing hippocampus, a new study published May 16, 2011, suggests.
"Our main finding was a clear association between binge drinking and a lower ability to learn new verbal information in healthy college students…most attention has focused on negative consequences such as traffic accidents, violence or public disorder, society and students themselves are unaware of the damaging effects binge drinking may have on the brain." Read here

Noteworthy

The National College Health Improvement Project (NCHIP):

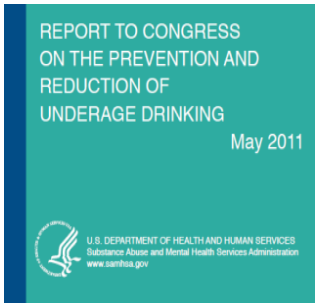
Improve student health at colleges and universities by preventing binge drinking: Identify what works. Where. Why. **How**: The Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking
Read here

APPROVED

As of January 1, 2012 California will be the seventh state to have a caffeinated beverages ban on the books. Governor Jerry Brown signed **SB 39** into law Monday, August 1st banning the importation, production and sale of caffeinated beer beverages by California retailers. Often referred to as "black-out in a can," caffeinated alcoholic beverages suppress the effects of intoxication causing individuals to misjudge their intoxication level. Impaired driving and alcohol poisoning are among the increased risks associated with its use.

"Underage alcohol use is everybody's problem—and its solution is everybody's responsibility"

This sentiment as stated by the Surgeon General in *The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking,* is expounded upon in the recently released *Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking,* by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Read here



Upcoming ADEPT Activities

OC DUI Task Force: 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa; **Time/Dates:** 9:00-11:00 am, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/15, 12/21

OC Rx & OTC (Over-the-Counter) Abuse Prevention Coalition: Fountain Valley Hospital, Saltzer Conference Center, 17100 Euclid at Warner, Fountain Valley, **Time/Dates:** 3:00-5:00 pm, 9/22, 11/17

3rd National Prescription Take Back Event: Time/Date(s): 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, October 29
Online: Drug Disposal - National Take-Back Initiative or call for details: 714-834-2192

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