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PREVENTION NETWORK SUPPORTS CURRENT LEGAL DRINKING AGE

Syracuse, NY—Prevention Network strongly supports the legal drinking age of 21.

Current discourse has focused predominantly on opinion and emotion, disregarding the substantial body of research that has accrued since 1975. Valid research has debunked the numerous myths associated with lowering the legal drinking age. Following is a source for such information:

http://parentsempowered.org/resources/mlda21_pirepub.pdf

Prevention Network has a number of initiatives to prevent underage drinking:

- SQUAD—Students Questioning Underage Drinking youth presentation at the Underage Drinking Enforcement Center’s annual leadership conference in Nashville, Tennessee, August 21-23, 2008;
- Production of video, *Parents—you can’t afford to be clueless*, designed to raise awareness of underage drinking and drug use, for distribution and preview in area schools during fall orientation sessions;
- 3rd Annual Underage Drinking Summit, October 23, 2008, at Drivers Village Conference Center; and
- Annual Teen Institute Retreat, November 13-16, 2008, Camp Longpoint Retreat Center, Penn Yann

Prevention Network has been making Central New York a healthier community since 1949 by providing proven and measurable programs to prevent addictions and address other problem behaviors.