

The Best for Our Children

Teens benefit from not using alcohol. Teens who don't drink usually:

- Earn good grades and do well in school and college
- Drink responsibly as adults
- Avoid unplanned and unsafe sex
- Set and meet life goals
- Don't get addicted to alcohol and other drugs

More Than Half

of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties youth have NEVER used alcohol!

Contrary to popular belief, **PARENTS** remain their kid's most respected and influential source of beliefs, attitudes and values – even into their college years. Their decision to use alcohol and other drugs will largely be based on expectations that parents set.

ACT NOW. Parents, tell your child that you don't approve of teens drinking. If you don't, you risk giving them the impression that you are okay with it.

Working with Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to create a Substance Abuse Free Environment – SAFE.

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The average age of youth being drunk for the first time in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties is

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Michigan M.I.P. A Zero Tolerance Law

No alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.

It is illegal for people under the age of 21 to:

- buy,
- possess,
- consume, or
- transport alcoholic beverages

What are the Consequences?

Teens who break the Law face the following:

- Parents/Guardians notified – juvenile (<17) released when parents arrive
- Ticket/M.I.P. citation
- Court appearance
- Court ordered fines/costs
- Community service & drug education
- License suspension/restriction
- Probation or jail time
- Increase in auto insurance premium
- Denial of college admission and/or scholarship
- Employment repercussions

Data Source: MiPHY 2010, Michigan Departments of Education and Public Health.

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