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Enforcing underage drinking laws in Glen Cove

New York State's Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) held the 2013 Prevention, Law Enforcement and Coalition Conference at Barnard College in New York City on March 21, 2013. Dr. Sharon Harris and Sgt. Christopher Ortiz of SAFE Inc.'s PRIDE Project Coalition were invited again to discuss their collaborative successes with the implementation of environmental prevention activities through the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws Program (EUDL).

Through the EUDL grant, the Coalition and the Glen Cove Police Department have been able to partner to increase law enforcement efforts, while also providing informative media campaigns and increased public prevention education. Policing efforts include shoulder tap drills, the use of underage decoys, and the implementation of Social Host party patrols at times that are high risk for underage drinking, such as prom and graduation season.

Through the use of these environmental strategies, the PRIDE Coalition and the Glen Cove Police Department have been able to decrease the availability of alcohol to youth and teens in Glen Cove. According to the 2010 BACH Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment 3.9 percent of 6th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, 14.9 percent of 8th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, 40.5 percent of 10th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, and 43.2 percent of 12th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks. The 2012 BACH Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment revealed a decrease in binge drinking across all grades; 1.0 percent of 6th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, 5.9% of 8th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, 27.4 percent of 10th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks, and 39.1 percent of 12th graders reported binge drinking in the last two weeks. Although significant strides have been made in decreasing binge drinking across all grades, 10th and 12th graders in Glen Cove still exceed the national average.

The PRIDE Coalition showcased their accomplishments, including the SAFE Inc. public service announcement, anonymous Social Host Hotline public prevention education events, vendor compliance statistics for the sale of alcohol, and social host violation statistics as of March 2013.

“The partnership between SAFE, Inc. and the Glen Cove Police Department is the key to making sustainable change regarding alcohol in our community,” stated Dr. Sharon Harris, SAFE Inc. Executive Director and PRIDE Coalition Co-Chair. “By utilizing environmental strategies, we have been able to change social norms pertaining to alcohol, paving the way for a safer Glen Cove. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to utilize the EUDL funds to accomplish this goal.”

For more information regarding SAFE, Inc and the PRIDE Coalition, or to view SAFE Inc.’s Public Service Announcement, visit www.safeglencove.org or call (516) 676-2008. Want to follow the PRIDE Coalition on Facebook? Find us at www.facebook.com/GlenCovePrideCoalition.