

HELPING TEENS FIND THEIR VOICE TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING AND ALCOHOL MISUSE IN COMMUNITIES



Especially when it's about educating on policy focused on underage drinking prevention.

Here's the Need to Know on how to Educate/Advocate:

- Share who you are and who you represent, for example: Youth Advisory Council, SADD Chapter, etc
- **Explain** your mission and why it's important to you.
- ★ Celebrate your successes and how it's made a difference in your community.
- ★ Use data to shape the story.
- ★ Voice your concern about problems that affect you and your community.
- ★ Share prevention success stories from other communities like yours.
- ★ Educate on facts while not endorsing or opposing legislation.
- ★ Tailor your message to your audience.
- ★ Develop talking points to keep you on task.
- ★ Practice those talking points out loud.

For more information on underage drinking prevention policies and strategies go to https://www.prevention.org/alcohol-policy-resource-center