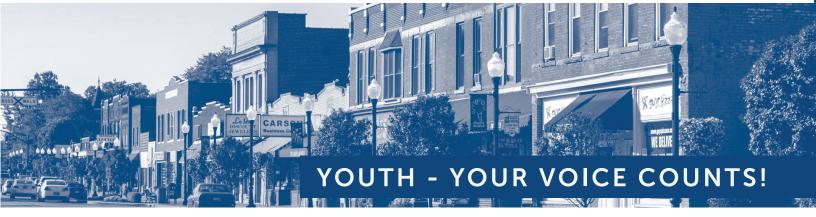


HELPING TEENS FIND THEIR VOICE TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING AND ALCOHOL MISUSE IN COMMUNITIES



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

Here's the Need to Know when providing Testimony to your elected officials:

Arrive to the City Council/Board meeting early - you may have to sign up to provide testimony. Prepare in advance what you want to say

- You are there to educate, not ask for the passage of a bill or ordinance.
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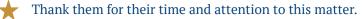
You will likely have a 3-to-5-minute limit to speak. The meeting may be recorded or televised. You will need to share your full name and address to the council/board.

- Speak from the heart. Share what you've seen or experienced. Educate on how underage drinking prevention policies/ordinances will positively impact you and your community.
- Share substance use data from your community or county.
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Be respectful of your time frame and of others' opinions.

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Offer to answer any questions. It's ok if you don't know the answer. You can defer to another person or let them know you will get back with them.



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

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