UNDERAGE DRINKING AMONG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HIGH SCHOOL (HS) SENIORS IN ILLINOIS

2 out of 5 HS seniors used alcohol in the past MONTH

58% of HS seniors used alcohol in the past YEAR

ACQUIRING ALCOHOL

70% of HS seniors think it would be easy for them to get alcohol

Parents WITH permission
38.1%

Parents WITHOUT permission
27.9%

HS seniors identified parents as the source of their alcohol most frequently

DRINKING AND DRIVING

71% of HS seniors discussed NOT drinking and driving or riding with a drunk driver with their parents

28% of HS seniors RODE in a car driven by someone under the influence

12% of HS seniors DROVE a car after they had been drinking

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Talk with children and young adults about the dangers of alcohol and consequences for underage drinking, including school, social, legal, and health problems
- Be less reactive and more proactive in handling your teen’s behaviors regarding alcohol
- Model responsible drinking behavior

Data Source: Illinois Youth Survey, Statewide Report, Center for Prevention Research and Development, University of Illinois, 2016