

Town of Weymouth

FAITH BASED GROUPS

The Weymouth Youth Coalition's Substance Abuse Prevention Team needs your help in the fight to prevent underage drinking in Weymouth.

KNOW THE FACTS:*

Weymouth has a significantly higher rate of alcohol use among high school age students.

- 68.3% of High School students report having tried alcohol in lifetime
- 68.4% of High School students report having used alcohol at least once in the past year
- 44% of High School students report using alcohol in the past 30 days
- 27.5% of those who drank in the past 30 days report binge drinking

***From the Communities That Care that Care survey administered to WPS students in grades 7 – 12 on September 25, 2007**

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Educate your parish through sermons, bulletins, and youth groups
- Assist the Weymouth Youth Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention Team in prevention efforts by participating in focus groups, meetings and public forums
- Have church leaders trained in the Strengthening Families program
- Host the Strengthening Families Program in your church halls
- Join the Weymouth Youth Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention Team

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR DECISION TO HELP:

- Substance abuse affects everyone in the community
- Substance abuse prevention efforts are most effective when youth, adults, schools, law enforcement officials, businesses, and faith based organizations work together