

# Town Hall Meeting :

## Underage Drinking Not a Minor Problem

**When:** Thursday, April 3, 2008 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

**Where:** Glen Oaks Community College in the Nora Hagen Theatre

**Speakers:** Dr. Curtis Buchheit, M.D. Internal Medicine and Pediatrics,  
John McDonough - St. Joseph County Prosecutors Office  
Amanda Coney - Youth Services Officer Sturgis Police Dept.  
Barb Funk, MA, LPC, NCC - Community Healing Center  
Jan Reed - St. Joseph County HSC and Adam Reed - High School Junior

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When people hear the phrase “underage drinking,” they often think of teenagers using alcohol. By the time adolescents reach eighth grade, forty-four percent have had at least one drink and almost twenty percent report having been “drunk.”

The prevalence of underage drinking increases with age, making it more important than ever to begin teaching youth at an early age about the dangers of alcohol.

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is to increase community awareness on the issue of underage drinking, identify how underage drinking affects the community, and brainstorm possible solutions.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, officials, youth, and other community members to voice their concerns and suggest ideas for preventing young people from using alcohol.

Underage Drinking Prevention: Town Hall Meetings is a national effort by the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to educate youth, parents, caregivers, and other adults about the harmful effects of underage drinking.

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