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The Local Coordinating Council for a Drug-Free Vermillion County (LCC) will meet on Thursday, April 7th, at 12:00 noon in the Auditorium of the Courthouse in Newport. The public is invited to attend and preview the draft of the 2011 Comprehensive Community Plan. The plan will be submitted to the Indiana Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana at Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) in Indianapolis. Some stats included are from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center's annual student surveys. This survey shows for Vermillion County the combined averages of North and South Vermillion School Corporations that our 12th graders monthly use of the following alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use in 2010 are:

Alcohol: 28.8% and state average is: 19.2%

Cigarettes: 37.05% and state average is: 24.9%

Smokeless tobacco: 17.35% and state average is 10.5%

Meth: 3.55% and state average is: 1.0%

Only smokeless tobacco averages went down, in 2009, it was 24.05% for Vermillion County.

Your ideas are needed from your churches, organizations and businesses to help our citizens "promote healthy lifestyle patterns among Vermillion County residents and to make a positive difference in the area of ATOD issues".

Interdiction and Counter Measures fees from drug and alcohol crimes will fund the following categories: Prevention/Education, Criminal Justice, and Intervention/Treatment.

For more LCC information or mini-grant application, please contact Elaine Pastore, LCC Coordinator, at [lcc@vermillioncounty.in.gov](mailto:lcc@vermillioncounty.in.gov) or 812-239-0891

**An estimated 709,000 youths age 12 to 14 currently drink alcohol in the U.S. – many get alcohol from family or home**

More than 100,000 get it from a parent or guardian

A new study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that 5.9 percent of adolescents aged 12 to 14 drank alcohol in the past month and that the vast majority of them (93.4 percent) received their alcohol for free the last time they drank. About 317,000 (44.8 percent) 12 to 14 year olds who drank in the past month received their alcohol for free from their family

or at home. This includes 15.7 percent (or an estimated 111,000) who were provided alcohol for free by their parents or guardians.

"People who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are six times more likely than those who start at age 21 and older to develop alcohol problems. Parents and other adults need to be aware that providing alcohol to children can expose them to an increased risk for alcohol abuse and set them on a path with increased potential for addiction," said SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde, J.D.

SAMHSA Data Spotlight: Young Alcohol Users Often Get Alcohol from Family or Home is based on the combined data from SAMHSA's 2006 to 2009 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and involves responses from more than 44,000 respondents ages 12 to 14. NSDUH is a primary source of information on national use of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs (including non-medical use of prescription drugs) and mental health in the United States. The survey is part of the agency's strategic initiative on behavioral health data, quality and outcomes. A copy of the report is accessible at: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/spotlight/Spotlight022YouthAlcohol.pdf>.

For the latest information about the public health risks of alcohol misuse one can go to <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/>. This site provides updated information about the risks, such as drunk driving, as well as new and effective prevention strategies and activities. Another SAMHSA Web site (<http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention/>) provides comprehensive information about SAMHSA's substance abuse prevention research, support and public outreach activities.

SAMHSA is a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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