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Wyoming Police Department and Wyoming Youth Services Bureau receive \$1,000 grant to start the *Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking* campaign.

Wyoming-February 3, 2010- The Wyoming Police Department and the Wyoming Youth Services Bureau were recently awarded a \$1,000 grant to develop a public awareness campaign aimed at parents who supply alcohol to minors. The *Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking* public awareness campaign was developed by the Drug-Free Action Alliance in 2000. The campaign strives to educate parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen house parties; and to increase awareness of and compliance with the Ohio Underage Drinking Laws. The mini-grant provides the City of Wyoming with the ability to promote the campaign and to increase law enforcement activities including compliance checks and party patrols.

Since 2000, the campaign has been requested for replication in all 50 states, Canada, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. In 2001, the *Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking* campaign received the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's Promising Prevention Program Award.

According to the Drug Free Action Alliance, the campaign has seen promising results of individuals who have participated in this program. Researchers have seen a 30% decrease in parties by youth ages 13-18 who indicated they know of parents who host parties where alcohol is available or served to teens. While a decrease of 22% was reported among parent respondents who know of other parents who host parties where alcohol is available or served to teens.

The City of Wyoming and Wyoming Youth Services Bureau are thrilled to receive this grant and the available resources it will provide for the community. The three tier grant program allows the City and the WYSB to apply for a \$2,000 grant in 2011 and \$3,000 grant in 2012.

Please join the Wyoming Police Department and Wyoming Youth Services Bureau for the campaign kickoff as they offer a presentation on Wednesday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Civic Center. This presentation will provide an overview of drugs commonly abused by youth, strategies for parents to host a safe party for their teens, advice from police about what to do if a teen is drinking in your home or if the party spirals out of control, as well as a presentation on the legal consequences of hosting to teen drinkers.

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