

**CCYSA
ISSUE BRIEFING**

**YOUTH
ACCESS TO
ALCOHOL**

**ALCOHOL &
CHANDLER
YOUTH**

The drug trends for 85225 continue to be **alcohol**, marijuana, synthetic drugs, and prescription meds.

In 2014, more 85225 youth aged 15-17 were cited for alcohol than any other drug. Among 11-14 year olds, alcohol ranked #2 for citations, behind only marijuana.

The number of citations issued for alcohol jumps **1,600%** between Chandler youth aged 11-14 years old and youth aged 15-17 years old.

Youth Access to Alcohol

The Problem in Chandler & How to Reduce it

THE PROBLEM

- Alcohol is by far the **most used drug** by youth in the Chandler Redevelopment Area (85225)
 - The average age 85225 youth try alcohol is **12.7 years old**
 - **4 out of 10** parents in the 85225 say it is okay for kids to drink alcohol
 - There is a high perception among local parents and youth that parties where underage drinking occurs are broken up by police and youth are simply asked to go home
 - There is a high perception among parents and youth that there are little to no consequences for adults who provide alcohol to minors.
- For 10th graders in the 85225:**
- **28%** drank alcohol in the past month
 - **19%** are heavy drinkers
 - **29%** report being drunk or high at school in the past year
 - **9.3%** have driven after drinking
 - **37%** believe there is little to no risk in daily alcohol use
- Youth who drink alcohol before age 15 are **5 times** more likely to develop alcohol use or dependence than those who wait until 21

THE SOURCE

85225 youth who drink report getting alcohol from:

1. Parties (38%)
2. Giving someone else money to buy it for them (31%)
3. Someone under 21 giving it to them (18%)
4. Someone 21+, not related, giving it to them (24%)
5. A family member, 21+, giving it to them (14%)

6. A parent/guardian giving it to them (15%)
7. Taking it from home (16%)

85225 parents think local youth get alcohol from:

- A. Parties (77%)
- B. A parent/guardian giving it to them (55%)
- C. Taking it from home (69%)
- D. Someone 21+, not related, giving it to

- E. A family member, 21+ giving it to them (71%)
- F. Giving someone else money to buy it for them (69%)
- G. Someone under the age of 21 giving it to them (47%)

Parents underestimate how often youth obtain alcohol from their friends (3. / G.)

WHAT CCYSA DOES TO REDUCE ACCESS

Party Patrol

- CCYSA collaborates with the Chandler Police Department to enforce alcohol laws/shut down parties where there is underage drinking and cite violators
- 91% of those surveyed said stricter penalties for these adults would be the most effective way to reduce youth alcohol use (ICAN Community Views Survey)

Door to Door

- Volunteers from the community go door to door to educate their neighbors on drinking laws and encourage them to report suspicions of underage drinking.
- Reports support Party Patrol

Shoulder Tapping

- ICAN Peer Leaders team up with the Chandler Police Department to ask adults entering local convenience stores to purchase alcohol for them.
- Patron receive educational flyers on the laws, consequences, and fines involved with purchasing alcohol for a minor.

Social Host Ordinance (SHO)

- When an underage drinking party occurs, it's often difficult to prove who is responsible.
- A SHO allows law enforcement to hold someone accountable by citing the property owner with a non-criminal offense, even if they

- did not provide the alcohol.
- The SHO was passed by Chandler City Council.

Social Marketing

- CCYSA uses a number of marketing methods to educate the community on how to prevent underage drinking as well as on the laws, risks, and consequences involved:
 - Blog, Facebook Page, and Twitter
 - Tabling events
 - To-go box stickers
 - Posters, flyers, promotional give away items
 - Press releases and issue briefs

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Never provide or buy alcohol for a minor! (Talk to your family about as well)
- Report suspicions of underage drinking to the Chandler Police Department non-emergency line:

480-782-4130

If you have kids:

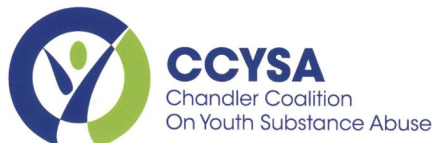
- Get to know your child's friends- it can tell a lot about what your child is doing or being exposed to.
- Make sure your child is not being offered or given alcohol by their friend's parents.
- If they go out, know:
 - Where they are going
 - Who they are with
 - Who will be supervising
 - What they will be doing

- If there will be alcohol
- ### *If you have alcohol at home:*
- Keep it in a secure, locked place youth won't be able to access it
 - Keep track of how much you have
 - Keep as little as possible
 - If buying for a specific event, buy last minute so it won't be in your home for too long

Share this information with family and friends!

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on youth access to alcohol in Chandler; please connect with the following resources:



The Chandler Coalition on Youth Substance Abuse
[Facebook.com/CCYSACHandler](https://www.facebook.com/CCYSACHandler)
CCYSACHandler.org

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