



Did you know...

Teen drinking is not the norm in Wahkiakum County?

In Wahkiakum County, more than 68 percent of high school seniors don't drink alcohol according to most recent Healthy Youth Surveys conducted in Wahkiakum and Naselle-Grays River School Districts. All adults can play a positive role in continuing to reducing teen access to alcohol and related harm. Take steps at home:

- Keep track of the alcohol in your home. Make sure teens can't access it without your knowledge.
- Let your teen know that the minimum legal drinking age is 21, and that drinking can cause serious [health and safety consequences](#) as well as [legal consequences](#) for a person who provides the alcohol. Silence can be misinterpreted.
- Talk to your kids about how to say no to a drink.
- Talk to the parents of your teen's friends. Let them know that teen drinking poses unacceptable risks and that you do not want anyone to allow your teen to drink alcohol. It is against the law to serve alcohol to someone else's teen.
- Tell local alcohol retailers that you don't mind waiting while they check ID before selling alcohol.

Visit DontServeTeens.gov for more information.

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NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING: October 6, 2008 7:00 – 9:00 PM

River Street Meeting Room 42 River Street, Cathlamet

Supporting community-based changes to improve the lives of children and families