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BE A PARENT NOT A PAL UNDERAGE YOUTH and ALCOHOL

**Speakers: Mayor Jonathon Hornik
Chief Bruce Hall**

The Marlboro Township Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse along with law enforcement, government and school administration invite you to become a partner in improving the lives of Marlboro children so they can thrive and grow to be strong, responsible individuals in any environment.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00PM, at Town Hall, where you will receive information about the current epidemic of underage drinking and host liability.

This workshop will focus on what happens when good kids make bad decisions and well-meaning parents who think that they are providing safe havens for their children and children's friends painfully discover that these havens are not really safe. Join us as we discuss the liability of social hosts and when civil actions with millions of dollars at stake can rapidly follow criminal prosecutions.

Please RSVP to drugalliance@marlboro-nj.gov or phone the Alliance Office at 732-617-0186.

“Parents have been touted as the keys to preventing alcohol and other drug problems among youth, and research now shows that environmental and genetic risk factors can be trumped by parental engagement during the critical adolescent years,” according to Nora D. Volkow, M.D., director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

**Children who start drinking before age 15
are 5 times more likely to have alcohol
problems when they are adults.**

**37% of 8th graders
59% of 10th graders
72% of 12th graders
Report they have tried alcohol at once
in their lifetimes**

The average age of first use of alcohol in New Jersey is now 11.3 years old.