

# RED ROCK RPC

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## Social Host Reminder-Don't be a Party to Underage Drinking

This month the holiday season kicks off and lasts through the New Year. The holidays mean more parties and travel as many of us celebrate with friends and family. Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like to remind community members about "Cody's Law," also known as the Statewide Social Host Law. Social Host provides stronger penalties for individuals who knowingly allow underage drinking in their homes or on their property. With the statewide social host law, all youth across the state of Oklahoma are better protected against the dangers of underage drinking.

The social host law provides a misdemeanor and fine of up to \$500 for the first violation and a fine of up to \$1,000 for a second. Further violations can result in up to five years in prison and a fine of \$2,500. If a violation of Cody's Law results in bodily injury or death, a social host will face a fine of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and up to five years of incarceration,

House Bill 1211 is named after Cody Greenhaw, a Tulsa teenager who died from a drug and alcohol overdose. Both chambers of the Legislature passed House Bill 1211 unanimously. The legislation took effect Nov. 1, 2011.

Red Rock RPC takes a proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities, specifically underage drinking and the non-medical use of prescription drugs. They identify factors in a community that cause the risk of substance abuse and work to promote protective factors that serve to minimize the risk of substance use/abuse. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

For more information on the Social Host Law or the RPC please contact Red Rock RPC Director, Lauren Greenfield, at (405)422-8873 or visit the RPC website at [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com).

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**Problem**

Underage drinking continues to be a national public health issue, especially among adolescents. An estimated 10 million people younger than the age of 21 in the United States drank alcohol in the past month.<sup>1</sup>

Underage drinking puts children at risk for a variety of short- and long-term physical and emotional problems. It also affects and endangers the lives of those around them.<sup>2</sup>

In the words of The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking, "Underage alcohol use is everybody's problem—and its solution is everybody's responsibility."<sup>3</sup>

**Mission**

The goal of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) "Talk. They Hear You." Underage Drinking Prevention National Media Campaign is to reduce underage drinking among children ages 9 to 15 by engaging parents in prevention behaviors.

1, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2011). Results from the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings. NSDUH Series H-41, HHS Publication No. (SMA) 11-4658. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

2, 3, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking: A Guide to Action for Educators. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General, 2007.

For more information, please visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking> or contact the RPC.

**Did You Know?**

- **Dispose of Unused prescription drugs at your local drop box today! To find a drop box near you visit [www.ok.gov/obnnd](http://www.ok.gov/obnnd)**



**Did You Know?**

- **Oklahoma's Social Host Law means that if you let underage drinking occur at your house or on your property, you will get fined , up to \$500 for the first offense.**



**Upcoming Events:**

**November 8-Canadian County for Children & Families @ noon**

**November 16-Grady County Coalition, Chickasha @ noon**