

Columbiana County-Wide Protocol

- Universal approach dealing with youth and families in the county regarding underage alcohol use
- 11 School districts and 1 County Career and Technical Center
- 12 Local Police Departments
 - ❖ Including Sheriff Office & Lisbon State Highway Patrol
 - November 28, 2012 County Commissioners signed a Proclamation recognizing the Coalition prevention efforts and the Protocol.
- Currently 5 area school districts have strengthened their drug and alcohol policy
- As a result of the protocol: 6% decrease in youth reporting using alcohol 3 or more times in the last 30 days or getting drunk once or more in the last 2 weeks. (Data from Search Institute Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors)

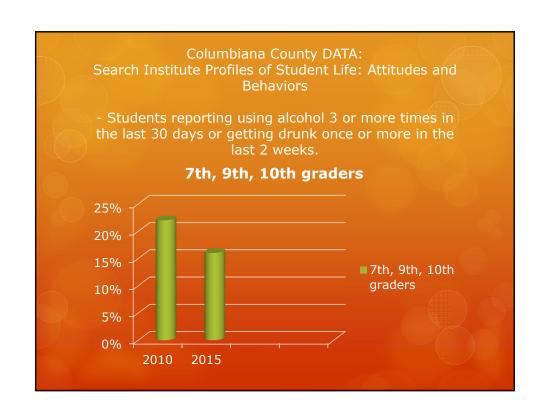
Protocol Regarding Juvenile Underage Consumption

In order to promote a uniform approach to processing juveniles for underage consumption, and in the spirit of the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile court system, the following steps are recommended:

- A.(1) If a juvenile is apprehended by the police for underage consumption, and the juvenile does not have a known juvenile record, then the juvenile should be referred to the local police department's juvenile division for diversion.
- (2) If the local police department does not have a diversion program or the juvenile has a juvenile record, refer the case to the county prosecutor's juvenile office for review.

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- B. (1) If a juvenile is apprehended by school personnel for underage consumption, on school grounds and/or while participating in a school sanctioned event, the school should follow its district disciplinary code and procedures applying to this issue.
 - (2) If no such policy exists, then refer the matter to the local police department for processing as noted in section "A" above.





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