ALCOHOLUSE In McKinley County, New Mexico



Excessive alcohol use is a serious public health issue in McKinley County, but there is much we can do. As a community, we can overcome many of these negative outcomes by working together to provide prevention education, support local efforts, and get involved in local coalitions, and participate in local alcohol and drug free community events.



MEN:

or more

Consuming

drinks on an occasion

of adults in

McKinley County

are NOT

drinking heavily

(2015 BRFSS)

MEN:

Consumina

drinks per week

or more

of adults in McKinley County are NOT binge drinking (2015 BRFSS)

DRINKING DURING PREGNANCY



There is NO SAFE AMOUNT of alcohol during pregnancy



of women in McKinley County **DID NOT DRINK** during third trimester of pregnancy.

(2009-2013 McKinley County: NM PRAMS)

ALCOHOL & MCKINLEY'S YOUTH



83%

of McKinley County youth are not currently using any alcohol.

(2015 YRRS, 2015 YRBSS)

McKinley County has a **lower** reported rate of youth binge drinking than New Mexico or the U.S.





Providing alcohol to anyone under 21 is a FOURTH DEGREE FELONY and can mean up to 18 MONTHS BEHIND BARS

(2015 YRRS, 2015 YRBSS)

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor consists of any person committing any act or omitting the performance of any duty, which act or omission causes or tends to cause or encourage the delinquency of any person under the age of eighteen years. Youth who begin drinking before age 15 years are six times more likely to develop alcohol dependence/abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at 21 years. (CDC)

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (A-SBI): Preventive service that involves asking a validated set of screening questions to identify a patient's alcohol consumption and a short conversation with patients who are excessively drinking

- Reducing alcohol outlet density: Limiting the number of businesses selling and distributing alcohol in neighborhoods
- Enhanced enforcement of laws prohibiting sales to minors (<21 years of age)
 - Mass media campaigns
 - Limit the days and hours alcohol sales occur

For more information:

The Community Guide at www.thecommunityguide.org/alcohol/index.html

