



A few facts about underage alcohol use:

- **In a recent study, 29% of parents and teens surveyed indicated that they know of parents who host teen alcohol parties.**
(Source: "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to underage drinking" Evaluation Report, December 2006)
- **The average age of onset for alcohol use in Broome County is age 13.**
(Source: Communities That Care Youth Survey Report, 2004)
- **85.5% of high school seniors in Broome County have reported alcohol use and 60% have reported alcohol use in the past 30-days.**
(Source: Communities That Care Youth Survey Report, 2004)
- **Each day, more than 7,000 kids under the age of 16 take their first drink of alcohol.**
(Source: Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility, National Research Council. Institute of Medicine. National Academies of Science. 2003.)
- **Underage drinking in 2005 cost New Yorkers \$3.2 billion combined in medical costs, pain and suffering costs and work lost costs.**
(Source: Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, October 2006)
- **If drinking is delayed until age 21, a child's risk of serious alcohol problems is decreased by 70%.**
(Source: Calculated from information contained in: Grant BF, Dawson DA. 1997, Age at onset of alcohol use and its association with DSM-IV alcohol abuse and dependence. Results from the National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. Journal of Substance Abuse 9:103-110.)
- **Adolescents drink less and have fewer alcohol related problems when their parents discipline them consistently and set clear expectations.**
(Source: Hawkins JD, Graham JW, Maguin E, et al. 1997 Exploring the effects of age of alcohol use initiation and psychosocial risk factors on subsequent alcohol misuse. Journal of Studies on Alcohol. 58(3): 280-290)