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*"What happens to a man is less significant than what happens within him."*

-Louis L. Mann

## **HOT PLACE!**

### **Webcast-Cleaning Up the Streets: Taking Drugs Out of Our Neighborhoods**

It seems we didn't hear too much about gangs at the end of the last century, but they're back again with a vengeance. Gangs rely on drugs to make their money. Even where there aren't gangs, drugs have infiltrated neighborhoods. There are things you can do to get them out.

During this hour-long broadcast, learn how community policing works in neighborhoods and how coalitions can help with the process. Also, see how the weed and seed strategy "weeds" out drug trafficking, violent crimes and related offenses through coordinated law enforcement and community policing; and then "seeds" the designated areas with prevention, intervention and treatment programs.

Visit

<http://www.health.org/multimedia/mediaDetails.aspx?ID=455>

for more information to view this webcast.

## **COOL SPOT!**

"How much is too much?" Visit [www.alcoholscreening.org](http://www.alcoholscreening.org) for an online screening tool, to learn more and to find help.

## **News**

### **Early Drinking Linked to Higher Lifetime Alcoholism Risk**

Data from a survey of 43,000 U.S. adults heighten concerns that early alcohol use, independent of other risk factors, may contribute to the risk of developing future alcohol problems. Those who began drinking in their early teens were not only at greater risk of developing alcohol dependence at some point in their lives, they were also at greater risk of developing dependence more quickly and at younger ages, and of developing chronic, relapsing dependence. Among all respondents who developed alcoholism at some point, almost half (47 percent) met the diagnostic criteria for alcohol dependence (alcoholism) by age 21.

The associations between early drinking and later problems held even after investigators controlled for other risk factors for dependence, adding to concerns that drinking at a young age might raise the risk of future alcohol problems rather than being an identifying feature of young people predisposed to risky behavior. The study appears in the July issue of "Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine" (volume 160, pages 739-746).

NIAAA Director Dr. Ting-Kai Li said "this work underscores the need for research to clarify how early drinking relates to the risk of lifetime alcohol problems. In particular, it is important to learn whether early alcohol use may affect the developing brain in ways that increase vulnerability to dependence."

### **Busch Tests Malt Liquor 'Shots'**

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Anheuser-Busch is test marketing fruit-flavored malt liquor 'shots' designed to be added to beer, the Associated Press reported June 22.

The new product is part of a move by the nation's largest brewer to diversify away from beer. "The loss of beer volume to wine and hard liquor has accelerated in recent years," company president August Busch IV said at a recent meeting of the National Association of State Liquor Administrators. "And if this trend continues, we at Anheuser-Busch will have to reevaluate our business model going forward in terms of expanding beyond beer and broadening our position within the total alcohol industry."

To read the full story, visit <http://www.washtimes.com/business/20060621-095108-8459r.htm>

**Calendar of Events**-Please send us your 2006 events for this Florida Prevention Calendar. We will include your web-link so people can read your flyer, register for the event and/or get directions. Visit <http://www.fadaa.org/fcc/calendar/index.htm> for additional information on the following events!

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“Her Voice” Summit 2006 July 7

Disaster Response July 17

Logic Model and Environmental Strategies-July 24-25

**August**

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FADAA Annual Conference-August 16-18, Orlando, FL

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