

# Protecting Our Youth: A Town Hall Meeting to Keep Youth Alcohol-Free



## Why should we care about underage drinking?

- ❖ Underage drinking rates in northeast Seattle are higher than the city, county, and state averages.
- ❖ Alcohol kills more youth than tobacco and illicit drugs combined.
- ❖ Alcohol use damages young brains. Young drinkers score lower on vocabulary, general information, and memory recall.

## What can I do?

- ❖ Come to the Town Hall Meeting to learn how underage drinking harms our young people and our community.
- ❖ Learn what you can do to help youth stay healthy and safe.

**Desserts, coffee, tea, and other refreshments  
will be served!**

## Town Hall Meeting & Resource Fair

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Place: **Eckstein Middle School  
Auditorium**  
3003 NE 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle

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## Town Hall Meeting Agenda

### 1. Underage Drinking in Northeast Seattle

### 2. Panel Presentation

- ❖ How alcohol affects adolescent brain development.
- ❖ How underage drinking affects our community.
- ❖ Testimony from youth who staff a hotline for adolescents seeking help.

### 3. Questions & Community Discussion

### 4. Preventing Underage Drinking in Our Community: What We Can Do

#### Resource Tables

Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking  
University Family YMCA  
Lakeside Milam Recovery Centers  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
TeenLink  
Ryther Child Center  
Changes Parent Network  
Partners In Prevention  
Washington State Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

## Underage Drinking in Northeast Seattle

from the 2006 *Healthy Youth Survey*

