

7 POINTS FOR PARENTS



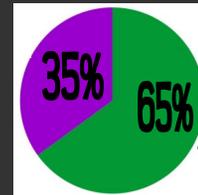
1. PARENTS ROCK!



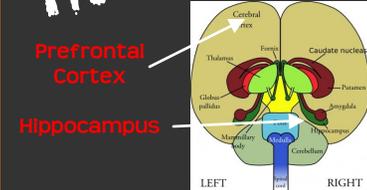
Parental Disapproval is the #1 reason kids choose not to drink. Most parents don't realize they are the biggest influence in their children's lives.

2. ADDICTION ALERT

Children who start drinking at a young age have a high probability of becoming Alcohol Dependent. 65% of high schoolers drink. 35% do not.



3. NO BRAINER



The adolescent brain is still developing. Alcohol can cause serious damage. The Drinking damage zones are the Hippocampus and Prefrontal Cortex

4. FUTURE SHOCK!

Young people convicted of alcohol or drug related offenses are ineligible for federal education loans.



5. PROMISCUITY

Alcohol use by teens is a strong predictor of unprotected sexual activity and

Unwanted sexual advances.

Date rape occurs most often when young people are intoxicated.

6. LINKING DRINKING TO DRUGS



More than 67% of young people who start drinking before the age of 15 will try an illicit drug.

7. WORST OF ALL



Traffic accidents are the most common cause of death in people under the age of 26.

One third of teen traffic deaths are alcohol-related.

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