



## Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

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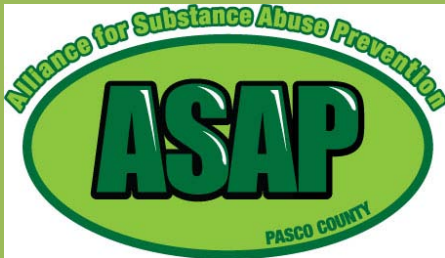
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#### **ASAP Mission:**

*"To develop, motivate, and encourage strategic relationships that reduce county risk factors and decrease substance abuse rates among youth and adults.*

### HEADLINES:

#### *Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol*

On June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Youth and Family Alternative Training Room

7524 Plathe Road

New Port Richey, FL 34653

ASAP is offering a FREE 2 day workshop on Communities Mobilizing for Change On Alcohol (CMCA). CMCA uses a community organizing approach to change the local environment in a way that makes it more difficult for young people to obtain alcohol, and make underage drinking less acceptable within the local culture. This training is open to anyone interested in making a difference in Pasco County especially Youth leaders, City officials, Law Enforcement, School personnel, Faith Based Groups, alcohol vendors, media, youth, and parents. The training is free and space is limited.

- *Interested in learning how to help ASAP implement new ordinances and written policies for underage drinking in Pasco County?*
- *Interested in informal practices such as more frequent patrolling by local police agencies or increased media coverage of alcohol-related issues?*
- *Want to know more about what you can do to make a difference in Pasco County's underage drinking issues?*

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### *"2011 Florida's Kids and Alcohol: A Regional Perspective on Substance Abuse"*

WEDU and numerous community partners hosted their Annual Town Hall Meeting on discussions surrounding underage alcohol use, binge drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse in the Tampa Bay area. The program aired Thursday, April 21, 2011. To watch the production on-line at WEDU, go to the following link: <http://video.wedu.org/video/1915459100> Be sure to check it out!!

### *Cyclone Rally Against Underage Drinking*

On Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Zephyrhills and Dade City held their Second Annual Centennial Middle School Cyclone Rally Against Underage Drinking! The Rally was a success thanks to everyone who came out for the event.

#### **A special thanks to our panelists:**

Stacey Sumner -Assistant State Attorney  
Judge Shawn Crane-vPasco County Drug Court  
Sgt. Art Rowand- Pasco Sheriff's Office  
Dennis Alfonso - Attorney  
Molly Blair- District School Board of Pasco County  
Heather Mapes - BayCare Behavioral Health  
Mike Brittingham – Boys and Girls Club Unit Director  
Lewis Abraham- Lacochee Unit  
Jaime Huff - Youth Services Specialist for Pasco Sheriff's Office  
Maritza Acosta - SADD Club President  
Christian Kirk - SADD Club Vice President

### *The Quit Smoking Support Group heads into their 4<sup>th</sup> year of service*

Three issues lead to establishing a support group. 1) Sporadic demand for tobacco cessation classes. 2) Having staff (trained & wanting) to provide the service. 3) Wanting to do more to reach low social-economic status (the medically underserved, unemployed, and working poor) a population seen at the health department - a population extremely susceptible to tobacco addictions and less likely to access services.

The surprise benefits were not that smokers quit but how much community goodwill it generated. It seemed to fortify PCHD clinician's resolve to provide tobacco interventions as help was standing by. The Tobacco partnership benefited with new membership. It also strengthened the tobacco prevention specialist's counseling skills, understanding of addictions and smoker's perceptions on interventions and tobacco tactics alike - insights all helpful in developing work-plans.

Marketing went from typical to more target specific - DVD loops promoting cessation in the PCHD WIC, Dental and clinic lobbies and follow-up postcards to clients who smoked. Keeping to a steadfast schedule meant no outdated material. All promotional efforts resulted in referrals, but word of mouth worked best.

It started slowly and now has an estimated eight people attending each week, 80% returning and 20% newcomers. Today attendees include smokers of low social-economic status, gays, lesbians and the mentally ill. The communities who statistically smoke the most are now attending the support group that started years ago – meeting the original goal of serving the hard to reach.

## 2011 Legislative Updates

\*All passed bills await Gov. Rick Scott's approval

**SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA (Passed):** Outlaws synthetic marijuana. (SB 204/HB 39)

**TREATMENT BASED-DRUG COURTS (Signed into law):** Expands court programs as a sentencing option in eight counties, including Pinellas and Hillsborough. (SB 400)

**OPEN HOUSE PARTIES (Passed):** Imposes harsher penalties on adults who violate house party laws. (SB 746/HB 105)

**BATH SALTS (Passed):** Bans methylenedioxypropylone, or "bath salts." (SB 1886/HB 1039)

**MANDATORY SENTENCES (Failed):** Eliminates minimum mandatory sentences for nonviolent offenders convicted of drug offenses. (SB 1334/HB 917)

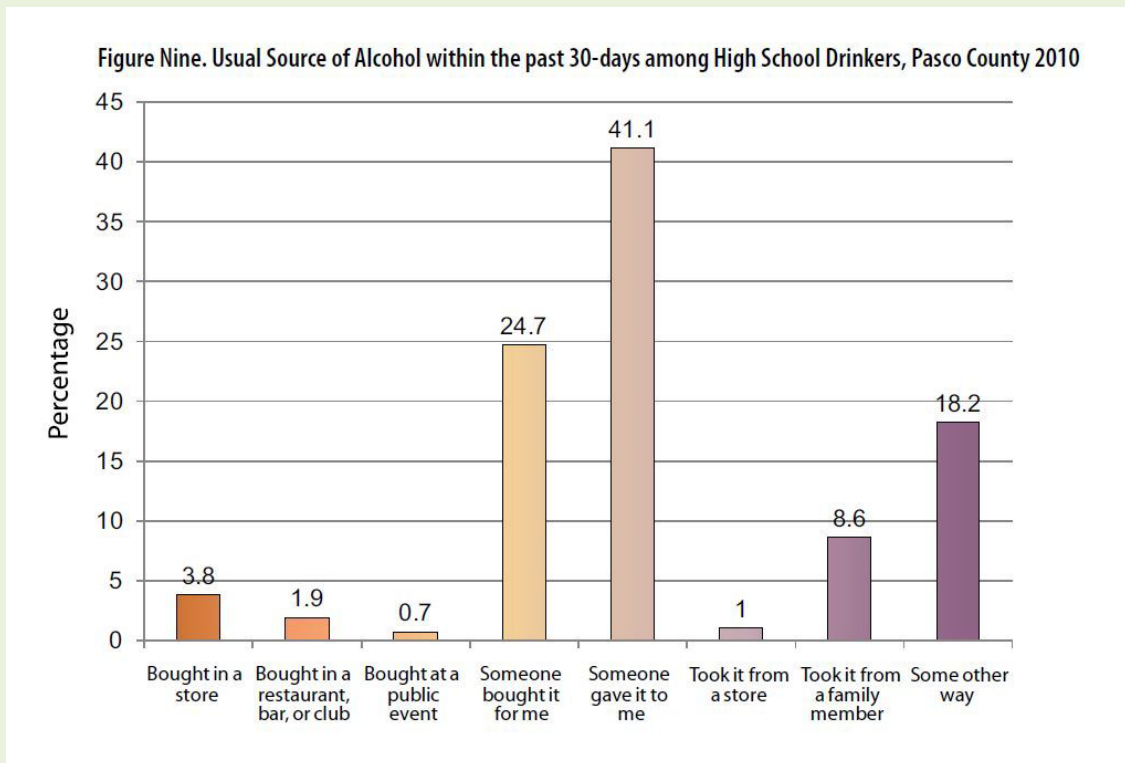
**PILL MILLS (Passed):** Limits ability of doctors to dispense prescription drugs. Establishes stiff penalties for illegal dispensing. (SB 818/HB 7095)

**DRUG TESTS FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS (Passed):** Requires drug screening for adult welfare recipients. (HB 353)

**WINE SHIPMENTS (Failed):** Prohibits large wineries from continuing to ship bottles directly to Florida consumers. (SB 854/HB 837)

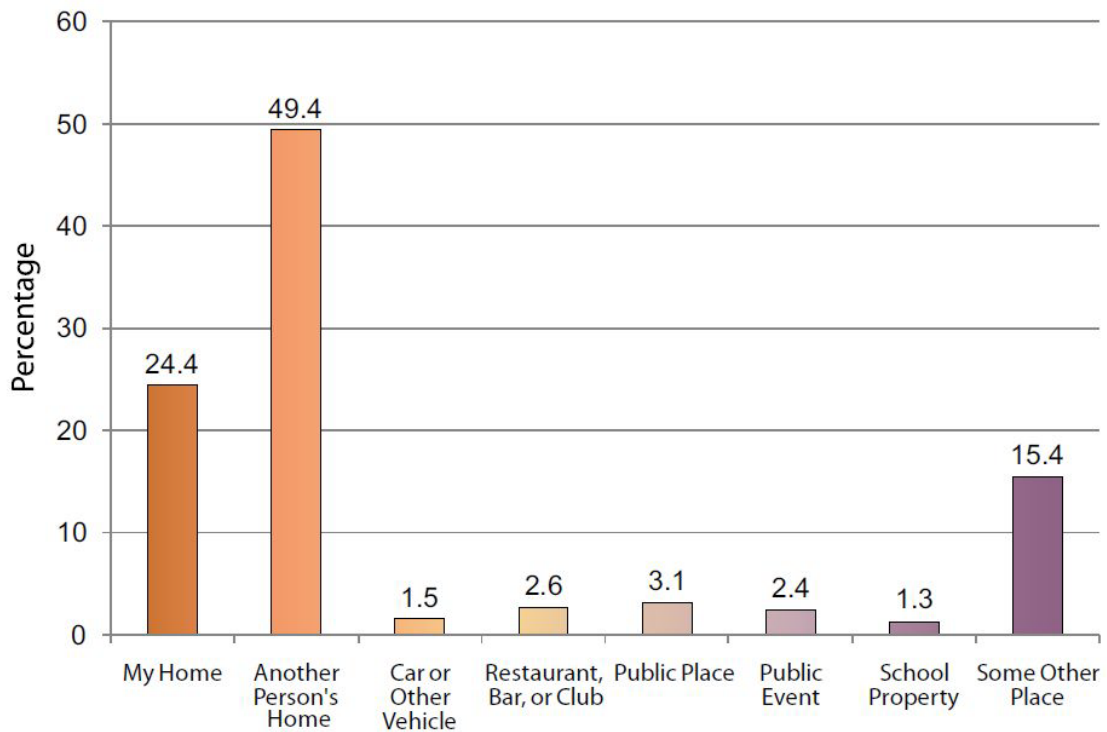
## **RESEARCH**

### Usual Source of Alcohol for High School Drinkers



### Usual Drinking Location for High School Drinkers

Figure Ten. Usual Drinking Location within the past 30-days among High School Drinkers, Pasco County 2010



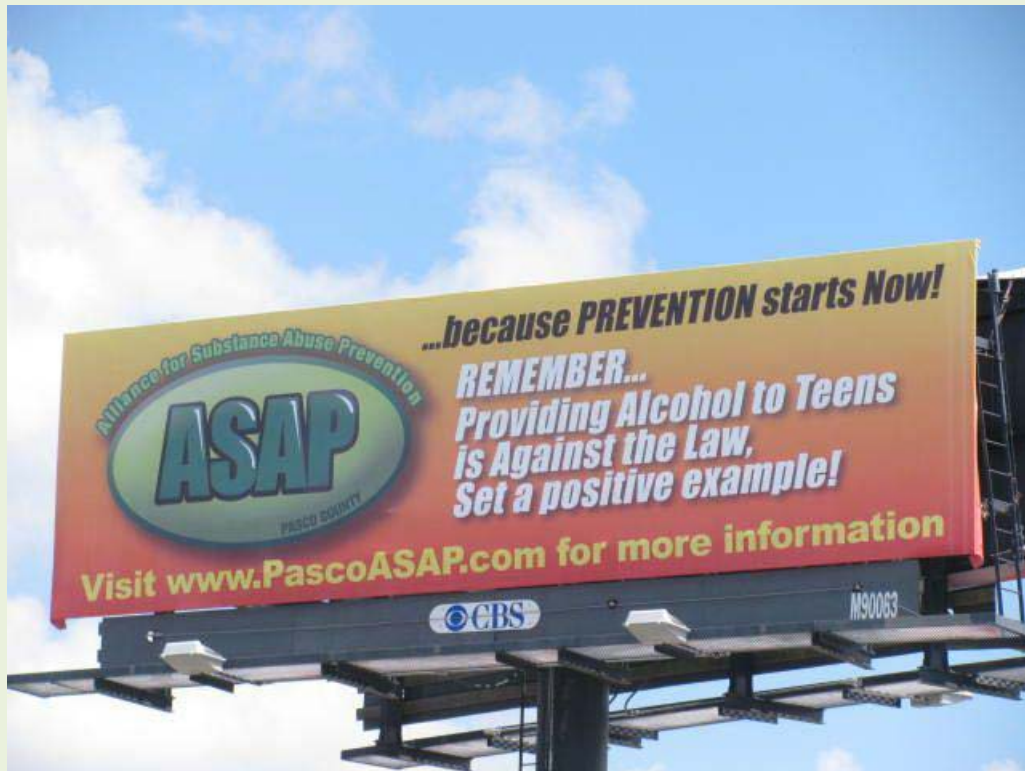
Data obtained from the 2010 Youth Florida Substance Abuse Survey

## SPOTLIGHT

### *ASAP Billboards in Pasco County*

ASAP is running a media campaign including 3 billboards throughout Pasco County to remind people during prom and graduation season that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. It is important for all adults to set a good example and show youth how to enjoy living drug free.

**Have you seen these billboards? Email Chrissie at [cparris@pascoasap.com](mailto:cparris@pascoasap.com) with location of billboard for your chance to win a \$10 gift card to pizza hut. The deadline is May 20, 2011.**



### 2011 Meeting Dates:

January 25, 2011  
 February 22, 2011  
 March 22, 2011  
 April 26, 2011  
 May 24, 2011  
 \*June 28, 2011 location TBD  
 July 26, 2011  
 August 23, 2011  
 September 27, 2011  
 October 25, 2011 November TBD  
 December TBD

ASAP Meetings are held from 10:00 to 11:30am at Land  
 O Lakes Community Center  
 5401 Land O Lake Boulevard (US 41). Everyone is  
 welcome to attend and assist in Pasco County's  
 prevention efforts!

### 2011 ASAP Executive Committee

Tracey Kaly, Chair  
 Art Rowand, Vice Chair  
 Paula Green, Secretary  
 Debbie Antioco, Treasurer  
 Chrissie Parris, Coalition Staff  
 Phil Cohen, Board Member at Large  
 Chris Wittmann, Board Member at Large



*Debbie Antioco, Tracey Kaly, Art Rowand, Paula Green, Phil Cohen,  
 Chrissie Parris (Not Pictured: Chris Wittmann)*

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