
Perils of the College Drinking Culture Forum

a program of the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County

Forum Description: The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) invites county high schools to partner with us to host and plan a "**Perils of the College Drinking Culture**" forum for graduating seniors and juniors to prepare them and their parents for what they will face at college and the work world related to underage and binge drinking. The two-hour event includes the viewing of an award-winning powerful (and graphic) documentary, HAZE, designed for parents and their college-bound teens and a panel discussion with local experts and an extensive Q & A. Featured speakers have included the Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County or his chief deputy, a Fairfax County police officer, a GMU official from the Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education and Services (WAVES) office; the father of a student who died following drinking at a college party; a Virginia Tech Transportation Institute alcohol researcher; and local college students.

Alternative Ways for High Schools to Run UPC's Perils of the College Drinking Culture Forum

- Host a regional Perils forum, inviting students and parents from all local high schools to attend. Program includes the HAZE movie and 4-6 panelists for discussion with audience after the movie. UPC supplies the facilitator; panelists; UPC table display with prevention literature; media publicity; sign-in sheet for attendees; directional yard signs; indoor directional signs; HAZE banners. 2 hours Fee: \$300
- Plan and run the program at night for your high school juniors and seniors and their parents to include the HAZE movie and a panel. High school community provides the facilitator and 2-5 panelists and handles all logistics. 2 hours Fee: \$150
- Run the program during the school day for juniors or seniors to include the HAZE movie, and 1-2 panelists to address the legal, health, and safety impacts of underage and binge drinking on adolescents not covered in the movie. Coping skills should also be integrated by the school. 90 minutes Fee: \$150

UPC provides:

- A Toolkit for Planning and Execution of the forum by the high school
- UPC Perils Logo, Draft Press Release, KIT message, Article for PTA use, and Draft Flyer
- Loaned copy of HAZE DVD for use in your high school to be returned to UPC within five business days
- Electronic agenda and evaluation form to be copied by high school to be completed by students; results to be provided to UPC within 2 weeks of the forum
- Set of audience questions to be addressed by panelists



The Perils program is a critical part of the UPC's outreach into the community to address the health and legal risks associated with underage and binge drinking. We look forward to partnering with you to bring this dynamic program to your high school.

For additional information, please contact: executivedirector@upcfairfax.org or call UPC's office at 703 938-8723.

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