

UNDERAGE DRINKING

OKLAHOMA'S 800 MILLION DOLLAR JAM

Lesson 4:

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Drinking alcohol not only affects individuals, but it can also negatively impact an entire community. Trash, loud noise, property damage, violence—these are all things that can happen when people drink alcohol excessively. How does your community deal with the consequences of alcohol abuse?

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Notebook paper
- Pens/pencils

OVERVIEW

1. **Interview 5-10 teens or adults about how they think alcohol impacts their community.** Try to speak with a wide range of individuals, such as coaches, teachers, classmates, parents, and law officials. Consider asking the following questions:
 1. How does underage drinking and excessive alcohol use negatively impact your community?
 2. Does alcohol use impact everyone in the same way?
 3. What advice would you give to young people about alcohol?
 4. How can we work together to reduce alcohol's negative effects?
2. **Analyze and present your findings.** Were you surprised by anything you heard? What did people's responses have in common? How did they differ?



These lessons are Supplemental to the 2 hour online education platform: AlcoholEdu for High School which is available at no cost to every high school in the state.

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