

## DUI Sentencing Youth Talking Points

Please utilize the following talking points for a 2-3 minute presentation during the DUI Court Sentencing assembly. The same points will be repeated during the press conference, with the *exception of the additions* noted below:

- The problems (for youth ) that result from underage drinking (violence, teen pregnancy, academic failure, etc.) You may use local stats here as well as personal observation
- Not all youth drink- in fact many make the choice not to. Cite the Tulare CHKS data-subtract the number of youth who report drinking in the past 30 days, from 100 and use that number to illustrate the number of youth who are not drinking
- Industry targets youth – 6 billion per year, in Ca. alcohol sales to youth. Media glorifies alcohol. Youth need to take a stand.

\*\*\*\* Press conference addition:

A statement about what Tulare County youth need from community/ adults to reduce underage drinking: less access, change in community norms, etc.

These points will coordinate with the talking points of other speakers and ensure that there is consistency without overlap amongst the speakers. If you need help obtaining the necessary data and statistics, please let me know. Please make sure it is current and local.

Please remember not to use the word “ accident” when referring to any alcohol related consequences. For example: car accident should be car crash or collision.