

THE **SAFE HOMES** PLEDGE

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I/we will set expectations for my/our children by knowing where they are going, who they are with, what their plans are, and when they are to return home.

EXPECTATIONS AS A MEMBER

Set age-appropriate family guidelines for your children and **KNOW**:

- **Where** your children are;
- **Who** they are with;
- **What** they are doing;
- **When** they are expected to return home;
- **What** the consequences will be if rules are broken.

Actively support and enforce a clear, consistent message and policy for all youth that there will be "NO USE" of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs.

Talk to other parents (the parents of your children's friends) and agree on expectations. Welcome a phone call from other parents supporting your combined commitment.

AS A PARENT OF A YOUTH INVITED TO AN ACTIVITY OR PARTY

- ✓ Call the host parent and introduce yourself. Verify with the parent the occasion and location.
- ✓ Check that there will be active, responsible, adult supervision at all times.
- ✓ Verify that there will be NO alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs allowed, served or provided.
- ✓ If the activity seems inappropriate, express your concern to the parent and to your child; keep your child home and plan another activity.

AS A HOST PARENT

- ✓ Encourage "by invitation only" activities.
- ✓ Never permit "party crashers." Use a guest list.
- ✓ Be a visible, active host. Tell guests who choose to leave the activity they may NOT return. Call the parents of youth who leave and inform them so they know you are no longer supervising their child.
- ✓ NEVER allow anyone "under the influence" to leave the party (MUST leave with an adult). Call the guest's parents or police.

*This program is endorsed by
Reed-Custer School District.*



**EMPOWERING ADULTS
TO WORK TOGETHER
FOR ALCOHOL AND
DRUG-FREE YOUTH**

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WHAT IS SAFE HOMES?

Mission Statement

"Parents, guardians, and community working together for alcohol and drug free youth"

Goal

Development of a community-wide coalition of parents and other adults empowered to work together to implement the **SAFE HOMES** Parents Network project in their homes, schools, and community.

The SAFE HOMES Parents Network is a pledge-based, drug prevention project for parents and guardians of youth from 5th through 12th grades. It provides parents and guardians an opportunity to talk with each other and to unite around a clear message to young people that there will be NO USE of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs in the community.

Objectives

- Parents will supervise all gatherings of youth in their homes or on their property.
- Parents will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs by youth in their homes or on their property.
- Parents will know where their children are; who they are with; what they are doing; when they will be home.
- Parents will set appropriate expectations and consequences for their children's behavior.

When you join **SAFE HOMES** we will ask your permission to include your name, your child(ren)'s names and phone number in a directory of Braidwood Area **SAFE HOMES** families. You can use the directory to contact parents when your child is attending an activity /party at their home.

BENEFITS

Benefits to you as a parent...

- Information about your children's social scene and the opportunity to develop agreed upon expectations and consequences for their behavior
- Empowerment to challenge old attitudes of permissiveness and tolerance regarding alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs
- Reduction in negative pressure from children and other adults
- A healthier and safer environment for children

Benefits to your children...

- A clear, consistent NO USE message to all youth regarding the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs
- Reinforcement of a clear set of expectations and consequences regarding their behavior
- Elimination of some pressure to use alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs to fit in with peers
- Positive adult role models

Benefits to the community...

- A change in the societal acceptance of youth using alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs
- A safer environment for all community members by providing clear expectations

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SAFE HOMES

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The **SAFE HOMES** Parents Network is coordinated through the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition.

Join **SAFE HOMES** by completing the **SAFE HOMES PLEDGE FORM**.

HOW TO GET A PLEDGE FORM

Request a form by e-mail at adtd2010@yahoo.com. For more information, contact Adrienne or Tom Davenport at 815-390-5219.

Reed-Custer Statistics

Taken from the 2010 Illinois Youth Survey

24% of 6th graders surveyed admitted to alcohol use in the last year. **70%** of 10th graders admitted to use in the last year.

17% of 8th graders, **36%** of 10th graders, and **43%** of 12th graders said they obtained alcohol at a party in the past year.

14% of 8th graders, **42%** of 10th graders, and **62%** of 12th graders surveyed admitted to using marijuana in the last year.

7% of 8th graders, **31%** of 10th graders, and **41%** of 12th graders surveyed said that they engaged in binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row) in the previous 2 weeks.

To the question, "If you drank alcohol without your parents' permission would you be caught by your parents?" **22%** of 8th graders surveyed said "never," along with **37%** of 10th graders, and **45%** of 12th graders.



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WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MEMBER OF SAFE HOMES?

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What they are doing;

When they are expected to return home;

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Talk to other parents (the parents of your children's friends) and agree on expectations and rules for your children. Welcome a phone call from other parents supporting your combined commitment.

Provide support for other parents in your joint efforts to have safe, healthy, drug-free homes and communities.

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REGISTRATION FORM

I/We are currently listed in the Braidwood Area **SAFE HOMES** Parents Directory and wish to continue our listing. *Please check yes or no.* Yes No

I/We wish to be added to the 2011/12 Braidwood Area **SAFE HOMES** Parents Directory. *Please check yes or no.* Yes No

My/Our PHONE number is **NOT** to be published. *If YES, check here:*

My/Our ADDRESS is **NOT** to be published. *If YES, check here:*

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER(S):
that other parents can use to contact you: _____

ADDRESS:
(street/city/zip) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

****Your e-mail address will not be published in the directory; it is needed to email the directory to you.*

DOES YOUR CHILD RESIDE IN MORE THAN 1 HOUSEHOLD? Yes No
Please check yes or no.

	CHILD/REN NAME(S)	SCHOOL	GRADE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

SIGN HERE (*Your typed name is considered a legal signature.*) _____

To contact Braidwood Area Safe Homes, email adtd2010@yahoo.com or call Adrienne Davenport at 815-390-5219.

This information will only be used for the Safe Homes program and will not be given or shared with any other programs, agencies, organizations, etc.

Please save a copy of this completed document for your records.



What is a coalition?

In simple terms, a coalition is a group of individuals and/or organizations with a common interest who agree to work together toward a common goal.

Why build a coalition?

Some reasons why communities build coalitions include:

- To influence people's behavior (for example, reduce the number of youth who are using illegal substances)
- To build a healthy community
- To bring about more effective and efficient delivery of programs
- To use resources more efficiently and eliminate duplication of services
- To increase communication between groups and break down barriers and stereotypes
- To launch community-wide efforts on a variety of topics
- To create social change

*We believe that
our youth can do their
best when they choose a
drug-free lifestyle.*

Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition

BAHCC Supporting Organizations

Braidwood Fire Department
 City of Braidwood
 Braidwood Police Department
 Fossil Ridge Public Library
 Reed-Custer School District
 Braidwood Park District
 Chestnut Health Systems
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and
 Grundy Counties

Are you interested in learning more about the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition? Are you interested in becoming involved yourself?

For more information, please call:
Noreen Klover at 815-458-6494.

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*to create for everyone an environment
free of alcohol & other drug abuse
problems*

**The role of prevention is to
create healthy communities in
which people have a good
quality of life, including. . .**

***Healthy environments at work
and at school***

***Supportive communities
and neighborhoods***

***Connections with families
and friends***

***Communities free of drugs
and crime***

Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition



Our Vision

***Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition** is an organization assisting the community to create a safe and drug-free environment where each and every citizen is nurtured to realize their personal, educational, and economic potential.*

Our Mission

***Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition** assists families within the Braidwood area to live healthier and happier lives through education, service, and safe and drug-free activities in order to establish adult/teen respect, healthy family lifestyles, safe homes for parties and activities, and a community center to house outreach programs for all.*

COALITION PROJECTS

Safe Homes

Safe Homes is a pledge-based, drug-prevention project that helps parents communicate with each other and unite to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs by their children.

Post Prom

Post Prom is an after-prom party providing a safe and festive place for students to celebrate and is organized by students, parents, and school staff.

One-to-One Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties works with BAHCC to create one-to-one mentoring relationships between children ages 6-17 and caring adults. These relationships, built on trust and friendship, can blossom into a future of unlimited potential.

Teen and Youth Services

Fossil Ridge Public Library and Braidwood Park District provide a variety of positive opportunities and experiences for youth in the Braidwood area.

Communication Campaign

The purpose of this campaign is to change adult attitudes regarding providing alcohol to underage youth. The campaign will focus on creating a community norm that no adults will provide alcohol to underage youth.

MEETINGS

The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition holds regular meetings once a month at Fossil Ridge Public Library, on the second Monday of each month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Anyone who is interested in getting involved—from youth to senior—is invited to attend. For more information, contact Noreen at 815-458-6494.

