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Community and Family Resources Applauds Shellabration's Efforts to Prevent Underage Alcohol Use

Community and Family Resources is highlighting the work done by the Webster County Iowa Partnerships for Success (IPFS) Collaboration Council to combat underage drinking. Residents may not realize that preventing alcohol abuse begins with effective policies and procedures. "It's common to think of law enforcement as the primary way to stop teen drinking through arrests and citations," said Mickie Shubin, Webster County IPFS Coordinator. "It's clear that law enforcement is a vital part of the network that is working to prevent and stop underage and binge drinking; however, actions taken at the city and organizational level are also key to creating a healthy and safe environment for teens and adults."

A good example of this is Shellabration's new alcohol sales policy. The policy requires all alcohol sellers to be at least 21 years old, will work to have alcohol sellers read the Volunteer Responsibility Statement, will work to have a TIPS certified server available on site at all times, will use nontransferable wristbands who have been determined to be of legal age to purchase alcohol, will prohibit sales of alcohol to any customer who does not have a wristband, and will arrange for security staff during the event. Shellabration will also have signage throughout the event that states, "We care. We card. Help prevent underage drinking. If you see it, report it!"

The Iowa Partnerships for Success Grant is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and is administered by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Community and Family Resources and the Webster County IPFS Collaboration Council are available to work with residents, organizations and community leaders to prevent underage drinking. Residents are encouraged to learn about and advocate for strong alcohol-related policies.

For more information on underage drinking, visit <http://www.whatdoyouthrowaway.org/> or call Mickie Shubin at 515-832-5432 ext. 1405.

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