

SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

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to prevent underage drinking

Communities Talk to Prevent Underage Drinking:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2021 CYCLE!

*\$750 planning stipends will be available on a first-come,
first-served basis starting January 2021.*



What is the *Communities Talk to Prevent Underage Drinking* initiative?

Communities Talk to Prevent Underage Drinking (Communities Talk) supports the work of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to prevent and reduce underage and problem drinking among 12- to 25-year-olds in the United States. Approximately every two years, SAMHSA distributes planning stipends to community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and statewide or state-based organizations to host activities and events to help communities become informed, prepared, and ultimately take action against underage drinking and other substance misuse.



When is the next *Communities Talk* cycle?

The eighth round of *Communities Talk* begins in January 2021.

[StopAlcoholAbuse.gov/communitiestalk/](https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/communitiestalk/)
[#CommunitiesTalk](https://twitter.com/CommunitiesTalk)



? Why should I participate in *Communities Talk*?

SAMHSA designed the initiative to align with prevention-focused and other organizations in mobilizing communities to prevent underage drinking and other substance misuse. Data shows that underage alcohol use has declined steadily since the initiative began 14 years ago. Part of that success is tied to a consistent and robust focus on prevention at the federal, state, and local level.

? How do I participate in *Communities Talk*?

Organizations planning a *Communities Talk* event or activity can receive a planning stipend of \$750 to help offset the costs of planning and holding an event. SAMHSA also has published how-to guides, videos, success stories from past *Communities Talk* activity hosts, customizable resources, and more at <https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/communitiestalk/> to help with your planning.

Keep an eye on your email inbox in January for an invitation to apply for a 2021 *Communities Talk* planning stipend. Email info@stopalcoholabuse.net to request an invitation if you don't receive one by email.

You can also participate by sharing *Communities Talk*-related information with your networks.

? How will COVID-19 affect the 2021 *Communities Talk* cycle?

In 2021, prevention activities will look a bit different as we continue to deal with the impacts of COVID-19. That said, there are many ways to hold virtual activities while adhering to local health guidelines. Check <https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/communitiestalk/> for new materials to help you maneuver the ever-changing prevention landscape as a result of COVID-19.



[StopAlcoholAbuse.gov](https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov) WHAT'S NEW EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive monthly updates on substance use prevention news and resources from the federal agencies that make up the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD).

