



The California Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC) and the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) have identified adolescent binge drinking as a priority prevention need area in California. This site provides a comprehensive and cutting edge resource for information and evidence-based policies, programs and practices to effectively reduce binge drinking across California's culturally diverse youth population.

***Preventing Adolescent Binge Drinking*** is an initiative to reduce binge drinking among youth ages 9 to 20. The initiative is a product of the California Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC), a multi-agency task force that provides policy guidance and implementation support to California's prevention system. Binge drinking is typically defined as five or more drinks at a sitting. In 2005, over 23 percent of California high school juniors reported binge drinking at least once during the past month. Binge drinking is a high risk activity, associated with a variety of health, economic and social problems. Recent brain research has clearly demonstrated the harm that binge drinking poses for adolescent development.

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