

## Influencing Policy & Legislation

Support statewide legislation to:

- Allow for sobriety checkpoints
- Require mandatory ignition interlocks for *all* DWI offenders
- Create DWI courts to assist with the court system backlog
- Support legislation that limits youth access to alcohol

Support county or municipal policies that:

- Requires bond in Intoxication Manslaughter and Intoxication Assault cases
- Support 'No Refusal' blood search warrant programs
- Do not allow DWI offenders to take out a 'Personal Recognizance' or 'PR' bond

## Changing Organizational Practices

- Encourage local District Attorneys to eliminate the practice of 'busting down' or down-grading DWI charges (i.e. changing a DWI arrest to a Public Intoxication charge)
- Encourage county commissioner's court to require the use of ignition interlock as a condition of bond when DWI offenders must be released due to jail overcrowding
- Review and update your facility's stance on providing toxicology reports to District Attorney's offices when a crash fatality or permanent injury occurs

### \*\*\* URBAN COUNTIES ONLY \*\*\*

- Encourage the establishment of a separate DWI Court to streamline DWI prosecution, avoid case backlogs

### \*\*\* RURAL COUNTIES ONLY \*\*\*

- Encourage visiting District Judges to make Intoxication Manslaughter and Assault cases a priority

## Fostering Coalitions & Networks

- Participate in local coalitions (i.e., MADD coalition, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, etc.)
- Plan interventions with multiple partners, including: law enforcement, alcohol retailers, community leaders, schools, parents, etc.

## Educating Providers

- Promote "Server Education" programs for bartenders and staff who serve alcohol at restaurants
- Provide a presentation on alcohol metabolism to staff
- Host a MADD Death Notification Training seminar for staff and professionals

## Promoting Community Education

- Participate in community education campaigns, such as MADD's "Tie One On For Safety," Red Ribbon Week, etc.

- Promote "Safe Rides" programs
- Support enhanced enforcement efforts (retailer compliance checks) to reduce alcohol sales to minors

### Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills

- Implement Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/AID/index.html>

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