

**Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps  
Training Center  
Thursday, April 26, 3 p.m.**



April 20, 2012 - Memphis, TN -- According to the 2011 Youth Behavior Risk Factor Survey administered to high school students every odd numbered year by the Tennessee Department of Education, **18.6** percent of high school students in Tennessee reported that they had consumed five or more drinks of alcohol in a row (**binge drinking**), within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days.

Recent arrests in February 2012 of 47 people during an out of hand underage party in Shelby County show that the problem of underage drinking is alive in our county. April is Alcohol Awareness Month and a big month for teen partying for proms and graduations. We invite you and your loved ones to join us for this important Town Hall Meeting. We will learn about the dangers of alcohol use and abuse...**especially as it relates to underage drinking.**

Harm Associated with Underage Drinking in Tennessee:

Underage drinking in Tennessee leads to substantial harm due to traffic crashes, violent crime, property crime, unintentional injury, and risky sex.\*

- During 2009, an estimated 35 traffic fatalities and 815 nonfatal traffic injuries were attributable to driving after underage drinking.
- In 2009, an estimated 56 homicides; 31,100 nonfatal violent crimes such as rape, robbery and assault; and 46,700 property crimes including burglary, larceny, and car theft were attributable to underage drinking.
- In 2009, an estimated 606 teen pregnancies and 20,819 teens having risky sex were attributable to underage drinking.

Special speakers will be on hand to share their personal struggles with alcohol as teenagers and their journey into recovery.

Memphis Police Department will also be on hand with their "Jail Time" Show Truck and DUI Victim's

Vehicle. MADD will also be on hand to inform parents how they can be a positive influence in their teen's life. Please join us!

For more information, visit [www.memphisprevention.org](http://www.memphisprevention.org) or call Anne Sommer at 901-482-2977.

\*Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Treatment Episode Data Set. (2011). Substance Abuse Treatment by Primary Substance of Abuse, According to Sex, Age, Race, and Ethnicity, 2009. Available [On-line]: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/SAMHDA/studies/30462>