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Program Summary Sheet

Attention Drivers Education Instructors/Health Teachers/Physical Education Teachers!

FREE Underage Drinking Prevention/Fatal Vision Goggles Presentations
Available for Middle and High School Students

Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (Mercer Council) has received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety to implement the Fatal Vision Goggles program to help impact underage drinking and impaired driving in Mercer County.

Fatal Vision Goggles are specially designed and manufactured goggles that simulate the visual impairment caused by alcohol or other drugs. Viewing through the goggles, the wearer experiences a loss of equilibrium, one of the effects of intoxication. The underlying principle is to demonstrate how quickly impairment can turn fun into devastating consequences. Hopefully, the wearer and observers are convinced that such impairment makes certain activities (such as driving) dangerous. The goggles activity is an excellent tool to use in schools and youth groups to educate young people on the risks of underage drinking and impaired driving.

Mercer Council will maintain a loan bank of three sets of Fatal Vision Goggles for use by community partners to implement the program to area middle and high school students. A free training program and technical assistance is offered to assist facilitators in implementing the program. If preferred, Mercer Council community educators will implement the program at your school.

Learning Objectives

1. Recognize the legal, physical and emotion risks of underage drinking
2. Understand new research which establishes a proven link between underage drinking and brain impairment
3. Improve decision making skills about alcohol-related situations
4. Identify alcohol-related terms such as binge drinking, BAC and alcohol poisoning
5. Recognize and correct common misconceptions and myths involving underage drinking
6. Better understand the damage alcohol can cause to each system of the body
7. Understand that alcohol is not necessary in order to have a fun, fulfilling teenage life

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