

# Underage drinking seminar set for Thursday in Walker County

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The Walker County Community in Action Coalition will hold a rally and training seminar on Thursday for Walker County parents, students, and law enforcement on best practices to eliminate the crisis of underage alcoholic drinking, and methods to contain and disburse social gatherings where alcohol is being served to minors. The rally and seminar will take place from 8a.m. to 4p.m. at the Walker County Board of Education.

Alcohol use by persons under the age of 21 is a major health problem in the United States. Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in America, more than tobacco and illicit drugs. On average, underage drinkers consume more drinks per drinking occasion than adult drinkers, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The CIA Coalition through Southern Prevention Associates received an Alabama Department of Mental Health Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) for the purpose of reducing underage drinking in Walker County.

The CIA Coalition intends for the June 18th event to mark the beginning of a movement that will stigmatize underage drinking in Walker County, and Alabama more generally, and bring positive change to the community.

Among those taking part in the event will be Circuit Judge Henry Allred, Sheriff Jim Underwood, District Attorney Bill Adair and

Commissioner Steve Aderholt among other. Parents, teachers, students and law enforcement officers are encouraged to attend.



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