



Kids used to drink behind their parents' backs.

Now, it's their parents who are doing the pouring.

Underage teens, especially girls, are finding it easier and easier to obtain alcohol—the number one drug problem facing American youth. What's worse, they're getting it more often from their own parents, older siblings, relatives and friends than from strangers.

One in four teens, and one in three girls, responded in an American Medical Association (AMA) poll that their parents provided them with alcohol. Forty percent of teens reported that it's easy to get alcohol from someone else's parent. This poll illustrates the ease with which many underage teens are obtaining alcohol.

Some parents believe that underage drinking is a rite of passage. But fatal injuries, car accidents, sexual assaults and contracting sexual diseases are not rites of passage, they're life-altering events.

Providing alcohol is not only illegal but unhealthy. An AMA scientific report determined that drinking—even in one's early 20s—causes brain damage that may not be reversible.

Keep them healthy today...for a healthy future.

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