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**Coalition Workbook for the Assessment
of Underage Drinking in Communities**

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CORE MEASURES: Underage Drinking

Measure	Current Data, Description and Source Description should include name and year of survey, age of participants, and method of administration and exact language of question.	Prior Data and Source
<p>Average age of onset of use. The average age that youth report first trying alcohol.</p>		
<p>Past 30-day use. The percent of youth who report using alcohol.</p>		
<p>Perception of risk or harm. The percent of youth who report that regular use of alcohol has moderate or great risk.</p>		
<p>Perception of parental disapproval of use. The percent of youth who report their parents feel that regular use of alcohol is wrong or very wrong.</p>		

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What does this information tell you about...

- Local underlying factors driving underage drinking?
- Needs in the community?
- Resources?

What are the limitations of this information?

Has underage drinking changed in your community over the past several years? How?

How might prevention strategies be more strongly linked to these indicators?

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RISK FACTOR: Retail Availability of Alcohol

Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
a. Number of liquor outlets			
b. Number of citations or violations for sales to minors			
c. Student's or parent's self-reported perception of availability			
d. Number of successful alcohol buys			
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RISK FACTOR: Social Access to Alcohol

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a. Number of house parties			
b. Number of public events where alcohol is served			
c. Other Indicator (specify)			
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RISK FACTOR: Low Enforcement of Liquor Laws

Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
a. Liquor law violations and citations (number, location)			
b. Self-reported attitudes towards enforcement			
c. Ratio of arrests to convictions for legal violations			
d. Sentencing patterns by judges			
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RISK FACTOR: Low Commitment to School

Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
a. Rates of absenteeism, tardiness, expulsions, detentions and dropout rates			
b. Student's self reported commitment to school			
c. Staff turnover rate			
d. Other Indicator (specify)			
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RISK FACTOR: Promotion of Alcohol Use

Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
a. Number of billboards, flyers			
b. Number of community events sponsored by alcohol industry			
c. Number of ads in the newspaper			
d. Number of ads on public transportation (print media)			
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RISK FACTOR: Peer Norms that Accept/Encourage Drinking

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a. Student reports of peer norms			
b. Other Indicator (specify)			
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RISK FACTOR: Family Norms that Accept/Encourage Drinking

Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
a. Parent or sibling alcohol use (or perception of use)			
b. Student reports of parental or sibling use			
c. Babies born affected by alcohol or other drugs			
d. Parental monitoring (or perception of monitoring)			
e. Student survey of risk and protective factors			

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Indicators	Current (most recent) Data	Prior (historic) Data	Analysis of Change
f. Percent of single heads of households			
g. Parent reports of monitoring			
h. Involvement with social services			
i. Perception of parental approval, low parental care, or involvement			
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RISK FACTOR: Low Perceived Risk of Harm from Alcohol Use

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b. Other Indicator (specify)			
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