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**XXX County Selected for Substance Abuse Prevention Grant**

***Project to reduce youth binge drinking and underage alcohol use***

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has selected XXX County to participate in an $8.1 million federal grant to reduce youth binge drinking and underage alcohol use, and the problems associated with both. The Iowa Partnerships for Success (IPFS) Grant is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. XXX County was among 12 counties identified by IDPH as “highest need” in regards to underage alcohol use and youth binge drinking and funded through a Request for Proposal process.

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“Alcohol is the substance most frequently used by youth in Iowa and across the nation,” said Julie Hibben, the IPFS Project Director. “XXX County’s participation will not only benefit its youth directly, but will also help increase the health and safety of all county residents.”

According to the 2013-2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.40 percent of Iowans aged 12-17 had consumed more than five drinks of alcohol in one sitting during the past month. This is significantly higher than the national rate of 6.16 percent. In addition, 35.83 percent of Iowans aged 12-17 felt that five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week was a great risk. The risk perception rate for Iowans aged 12-17 was 3.26 percent lower than the national rate of 39.09 percent, suggesting that alcohol use is not deemed to be as high of a risk by Iowans aged 12-17 as it is by other Americans of the same age group.

For more information on the Iowa Partnerships for Success Grant, visit <https://idph.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/programs/ipfs>. For information on XXX County’s project, visit (website).

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