

Our Youth, Our Alcohol, Our Responsibility

PATH and the Fullerton Police Department work to reduce alcohol sales to minors

Community Service Programs (CSP)~Project PATH (Positive Action Toward Health) is a non-profit organization that focuses on alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse prevention and education. PATH is funded by the County of Orange Health Care Agency Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Team and is committed to creating a safe and healthy Orange County by eliminating problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use through education, training, and technical assistance.

PATH offers several projects and services to youth, families, adults and retail outlets in an effort to increase awareness of underage drinking. Some of the services provided include; educational information through brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, classroom presentations and trainings on various alcohol-related topics, and information on alcohol treatment services. Specific presentation and training topics include:

- Alcohol availability at the social level
- Alcohol availability at the commercial level
- Binge drinking
- Underage drinking
- Alcohol consumption and its effects

In addition to the many services provided to the community, Project PATH collaborates with a number of organizations including a key partnership with the Fullerton Police Department. The Fullerton PD invited PATH to partner with them on several programs dedicated to reducing underage drinking. Many of these programs work with retail outlets to ensure alcohol is not being purchased for or by minors. PATH supports these projects through technical assistance, disseminating information, providing presentations and recognizing the efforts of the police through media campaigns.

The following underage drinking projects are currently underway in Fullerton:

- Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) programs
- Minor Decoy Program
- Decoy Shoulder Tap Program
- Operation Trapdoor
- Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crimes and Tendencies (IMPACT) program
- The Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs (LEAD) Program

A complete list and detailed description of each program can be found at www.abc.ca.gov.

For additional information regarding commercial access to alcohol please contact Jennifer Gilley at 714.441.0807.