

SAMPLE PERSONAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Questions for Adults/Parents

1. Do you think underage drinking is a serious problem in this community? Probe: Why? Why not?
2. Do you know youths under the age of 21 who use alcohol?
3. Do you know of parents or adults who permit youths under the age of 21 to consume alcohol in their homes?
4. Where do you think minors under age 21 obtain alcohol?
5. Under what circumstances is it acceptable for an adult to provide alcohol to minors under age 21?
6. What forms of advertising do you think influence alcohol use among minors under age 21?
7. If you were aware of a minor under the age of 21 who was consuming alcohol, what would you do?
8. What resources are available in your community that address alcohol use among minors under age 21?
9. Would you favor new and/or stiffer penalties for parents who serve alcohol to minors under the age of 21?
What about peers over 21 who purchase alcohol for youth under the age of 21?
What about bars/restaurants/liquor stores that sell to minors under age 21?
10. Do you favor driver's license suspension or revocation for minors under age 21 who violate underage drinking laws?
11. Who do you think is most responsible for solving the underage drinking problem?

Questions for Youth

1. How old are you?
2. Have you ever had alcoholic beverages like beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor?
3. How often do you drink alcohol?
4. Do you ever have five or more drinks of alcohol at a time? If "Yes", have you done this in the last month?
5. Have you ever driven under the influence of alcohol? Been a passenger in a car with a drunk driver?
6. Do your parents permit you to drink alcohol in your home? Do your parents know how much you drink?
7. Have you ever purchased alcohol without an ID? Ever successfully used a fake ID to purchase alcohol?

APPENDIX 3 – Community How To Guide On...EVALUATION

Personal Interview Questions continued

8. Why do you think underage youth drink alcohol?
9. Do you think alcohol use by underage youth is a serious problem? Probe: Why? Why not?
10. Where do underage youth obtain alcohol? Probe: Home, liquor store, bar/restaurant, friends and relatives.
11. What would you recommend as a solution to the underage drinking problem?

Questions for Law Enforcement

1. Do you think underage drinking is a serious problem in this community?
2. Do you think law enforcement officers aggressively enforce underage drinking laws? Probe: Why? Why not?
3. Are there any barriers to effective enforcement of underage drinking laws? If yes, what are they and how can they be overcome?
4. What additional support do you need to enforce underage drinking laws?
5. Do you think the legal consequences for underage drinking offenses are sufficient?
6. Who do think is most responsible for the underage drinking problem?
7. Does your agency provide alcohol education in the schools? If yes, do you think this is effective?
8. Do you think judges and the juvenile justice system are doing a good job with respect to underage drinking violations? If yes, why? If no, why?
9. How are underage drinking violations currently handled by the judges, the juvenile justice system and the courts?
10. What improvements would you recommend in the way underage drinking violations are handled by judges, the juvenile justice system and the courts?
11. What is your recommended solution for the underage drinking problem?

Questions for Educators

1. Do you think underage drinking is a serious problem? Probe: Why? Why not?
2. Does your school have an alcohol policy? If yes, is it enforced?
3. Is alcohol education part of the school's curriculum? If yes, is it effective?
4. Does your school sponsor extra-curricular activities to prevent underage drinking?

Personal Interview Questions continued

5. Do you think parents understand the seriousness of the underage drinking problem?
6. What role do you think teachers and counselors can play in reducing underage drinking?
7. What is the most effective way to keep underage youth from drinking alcohol illegally?
8. What additional support do schools need in educating youth about the consequences of underage drinking?
9. Does your school have a mechanism in place for identifying and assisting students who may have alcohol or drug-related problems?
10. Does your school reach out to parents about the problem of underage drinking?

Questions for Public and Elected Officials

1. Do you think underage drinking is a serious problem? Probe: Why? Why not?
2. Do you think there are sufficient laws to reduce underage drinking? If yes, what are the most effective laws? If no, what additional laws need to be passed to reduce underage drinking?
3. Do you think the public is aware of current underage drinking laws and regulations?
4. How would you improve underage drinking legislation in this state?
5. What is the role of public and elected officials in reducing underage drinking?
6. How would you improve local laws, policies or procedures related to underage drinking?

Questions for Health and Prevention/Treatment Specialists

1. Do you think underage drinking is a serious problem? Probe: Why? Why not?
2. What are the barriers, if any, to reducing underage drinking in this community?
3. What is the role of health professionals in reducing underage drinking? Prevention specialists? Treatment personnel?
4. Do you think the general public understands the underage drinking problem?
5. What can be done to solve the problem of underage drinking?
6. Who is most responsible for solving the underage drinking problem?