

ZERO ADULT PROVIDER (ZAP)

Local Condition(s): Got alcohol from parents; got alcohol at parties

Short Description: Law enforcement, the courts, and the community collaborate to increase enforcement of underage drinking laws. Law enforcement treat underage drinking parties more like a crime scene than a nuisance disturbance, and work to identify the source of the alcohol. Courts increase the consequences of providing alcohol to a minor from a payable offense only to include a mandatory court appearance, probation and potentially jail time, community service, a chemical use pre-assessment, alcohol education class, and fines to cover court costs.

Evidence of Effectiveness: Limited evidence of effectiveness. The only deliverable that could be found about the effectiveness of ZAP was a brief summary that highlights outcomes in three Minnesota counties, Chisago, Freeborn, and Rice. In this summary, ZAP communities saw between a 138% and 500% increase in the number of adult provider charges from the year prior to ZAP implementation to the year of implementation. In addition, there was between a 25% and 34% increase in the number of minor consumption charges during the same time period.

DFC Strategy Type(s): Provide information; change consequences; change policies

Partners Needed: Law enforcement, courts, media

Pros: Garners media attention which increases perceived likelihood of getting caught, falls into multiple DFC strategy types, possibility to learn from other Minnesota communities that have implemented this

Cons: Requires strong buy-in to implement with fidelity, positive evaluation findings only for communities that implemented with fidelity, only aware of one Minnesota community currently doing ZAP (Mankato), and youth may lie about the source of alcohol

Costs: Any costs associated with increased enforcement or court costs if not covered by the fines

Potential Evaluation Measures: Number of adult provider charges, number of minor consumption, number of policy changes, and extent of increased community awareness.