

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL); Training and Technical Assistance Program

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The EUDL program provides national leadership in ensuring that States, Territories, and communities have the training and technical assistance (TTA), information and resources needed to enforce underage drinking laws. Through EUDL, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) support and enhance efforts by states and local jurisdictions to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. (Minors are defined as individuals less than 21 years of age.) A governor-designated agency through its EUDL coordinator implements the EUDL initiative. State and Territory agencies that implement OJJDP-supported EUDL programs include justice agencies, highway safety offices, alcohol beverage control agencies, health and human services agencies; youth services agencies, and offices of the Governor.



A major component of the EUDL program is the training and technical assistance provided by the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center (UDETC), which identifies science-based strategies, publishes supporting documents, delivers training, and provides technical assistance to support the enforcement of underage drinking laws. Since 1999, UDETC has been working with EUDL Coordinators in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five territories to coordinate training and technical assistance for the prevention and reduction of underage drinking. The UDETC accomplishes their mission by providing on-site trainings, expert technical assistance, webinars, publication of documents, a toll-free technical assistance hotline, an internet website, and distance learning opportunities. As a National program, UDETC has responded to more than 11,000 technical assistance requests, completed 126 national webinars, conducted 595 onsite trainings, developed more than 270 documents (guides, toolkits, case studies, and resource reports) and has had over 24 million Website hits;

UDETC has also published the following documents to help States and local communities enforce retail establishment compliance with underage drinking laws:

- *Preventing Sales of Alcohol to Minors: What You Should Know about Merchant Education Programs* describes such programs and their role in comprehensive community strategies to reduce underage drinking. It also identifies necessary components and resources for more information.
- *Reducing Alcohol Sales to Underage Purchasers: A Practical Guide to Compliance Check Investigations* indicates the importance of enforcement in retail establishments as the cornerstone of enforcing underage drinking laws; and provides the essential elements of carrying out compliance checks using minors or young looking adults.
- *Strategies for Reducing Third-Party Transactions of Alcohol to Underage Youth* dissuade adults from providing alcohol to underage persons. The publication discusses the problem of nonretail sources of alcohol for underage drinkers and describes the essential elements of shoulder-tap operations, along with other techniques, to deter adults from buying or providing alcohol to underage drinkers.

Additional publications to support enforcement and prevention work, including over 140 success stories that feature measurable outcomes, are available from the UDETC Website (<http://www.udetc.org>).