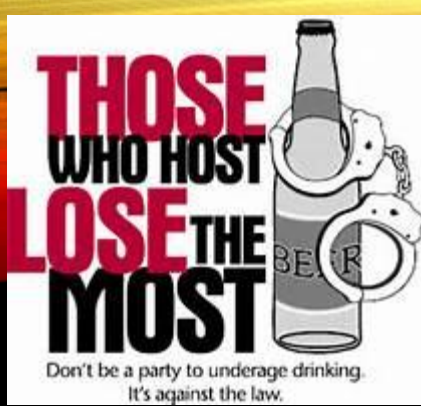


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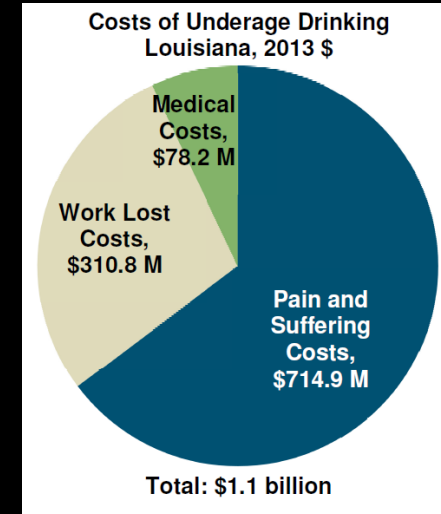
- The effects of drugs and alcohol, especially in youth
- Seen as a positive pastime
- Depressant
- Underage drinking is occurring in younger and younger age groups
- Alcohol and Drugs is found all over schools
- Lack of Awareness of the severity of alcohol and drug abuse in the community





UNDER A DIFFERENT INFLUENCE

- 12-20 year olds drinking 11% of alcohol in the U.S. (National Institute for Alcohol Abuse)
- 44% of Louisiana HS students have had one drink compared to national average of 30% (Office of Adolescence Health)
- Physical
- Mental
- Laws aren't strict enough
- Costs
- 11-16 year olds believe it is positive
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE



RECOMMENDATIONS

D.A.R.E.

- What can we do?
 - Teens Against Underage Drinking
 - Host conventions
 - Dress up weeks and dances
 - Promotional walks and rallies
- What can the schools do?
 - Teacher in-services that educate the faculty on noting signs and preventions
 - Speakers in schools
 - Teens who have experienced drug or alcohol addictions
 - Educate the teens and faculty
- Stricter consequences
 - Online Courses
 - Fines
 - Parental Courses

