

## You can't PREVENT what you don't know!

## **WESTCHESTER VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES**

David Jernigan, Ph.D., Alcohol Marketing, Youth Drinking and the Pandemic:

Who Is Minding the Stores?

**TAKE-AWAYS - INFORMATION - PROMPTS** 

What has Changed? Social Media and Marketing Data collected by alcohol marketers and social media platforms target youth:

- · videos on the internet showing someone who is drunk or high
- · pictures or comments on social networking sites (e.g., Instagram) showing or talking about someone who is drunk
- · movies or TV shows showing someone who is drunk or high
- · alcohol advertisements on billboards, magazines, or public places frequented by youth
- · songs that talk about getting drunk or high
- video games that show someone getting drunk or high

## What has Changed? Policy

Changes in alcohol availability during the pandemic include:

- Home delivery
- · Takeout alcohol from bars and restaurants
- · Increased exposure to alcohol consumption in public spaces with more outdoor dining and events
- · Social scientists refer to this as a large-scale national experiment; those paying the most attention are those who stand to make the most money. Research cannot move quickly enough to keep up with policy change.
- · Recent policy changes have a good chance of becoming permanent without sustained public health input

Setting clear expectations about non-use is a protective factor!

TALK. THEY HEAR YOU

Your voice matters. Get involved!

FIND YOUR LOCAL COALITION!

## What can we do about it?

- PRODUCT: alcohol impact areas, banning specific products
- · PRICE: alcohol tax increases, minimum unit pricing
- · PLACE: licensing/zoning reform
- PROMOTION: local ad bans (billboards, public transit), retail signage restrictions and counter advertising

Advocate in your community to address outdoor and retail advertising/marketing, and other local policies.

Talk to your children and set clear expectations about non-use.

































