The hippocampus is the part of the brain responsible

HIPPOCAMPUS, THAT IS.

alcohol-free. Set rules to help them

Don't let the adolescent brain be endangered. alcohol-free: bonding, boundaries and monitoring. control decision-making and risky behavior. healthy, learn the three-step method to keep your kids development and harm areas of the brain that the harmful effects of alcohol. To keep your kid's brain come with it. Alcohol can hinder proper brain A child's future depends on a healthy brain, free from a healthy brain and all the opportunities that are putting their brains at risk. A child deserves the exposure to alcohol, the more long-term the damage. to alcohol. So when a kid drinks alcohol, they part of the brain, known as the memory center. The earlier Because it's growing so fast, it's more sensitive developing during adolescence, so alcohol can harm this for learning and memory. This part of the brain is rapidly grows fast and is good at learning.

> ADOLESCENT BRAIN THE NORTH AMERICAN

The adolescent brain is powerful. It



cubs safe, in an alcohol-free environment. Be strong like a grizzly bear and keep your since alcohol can harm the developing brain. parents' permission. That's not good, especially report getting alcohol from home, with their home. In Utah, 43% of underage drinkers Don't let underage drinking happen in your

SAFE HABITAT

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number one reason they chose not to drink. parental disapproval of underage drinking is the their parents. In fact, Utah kids report that to believe, but it's true — kids still listen to number one in the house. It might seem hard While lions may rule the jungle, parents are

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How to Prevent Underage Drinking

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Games

BONDING STAY CLOSE TO YOUR KIDS

Parents can learn a thing or two just by watching an otter family play together. Playing together is a great way to stay close. When a kid feels close to their parents, they are less likely to drink underage. Find ways to spend time with them. Play a board game. Go on a hike. Watch a movie. Do something to strengthen your relationship Here are some ways to bond:

- Spend Time Together
- Do Fun Activities Together • Eat Dinner Together
- Listen and Be Supportive
- Create a Positive Home Environment

BOUNDARIES

SET CLEAR RULES AND **EXPECTATIONS**

Like an elephant, never forget to set clear rules about underage drinking. Make your expectations clear about what your child should do if offered alcohol. Boundaries are like the walls of a lion's cage. They keep your kids safe from danger. Talk to your kids about alcohol and help them understand why they need rules. Without clear rules and expectations, kids are much more likely to drink.

- Teach the Risks of
- Underage Drinking • Discuss What to Do If
- Alcohol is Present
- Consistently Enforce the
- Helps Kids Choose Friends Wisely Practice Saying

"No" to Alcohol

MONITORING

WHO, WHAT, WHEN & WHERE

Be as observant as an owl. Know where your kids are, who they're with, and what they are doing. Stay involved. Studies show parental involve ment drops by half between the 6th and 12th grades. It's important to remain engaged throughout their teen years.

- Know Your Children's
- Activities Observe Your Child's
- Emotional Well-Being
- Know Your Children's Friends and Their Parents
- Ensure an Alcoholfree Environment
- Check-in Often





To find all the Parents Empowered underage drinking prevention signs scattered around aquarium, you'll need to put on your safari hat. Use these clues to find 11 signs featuring some of SeaQuest's most famous residents. As you find the signs, they will provide the answers to each scavenger hunt question below. Each sign features a new animal as well as facts and information on how to prevent underage drinking. Can you find them all?

Write your own response.

As a family, list some activities you'd like to do together.

Fill in the blank.

As a family, set clear rules against underage drinking by the ____ grade.

Write your own response.

In Utah, ____% of underage drinkers report getting alcohol from home, with their parents' permission.

Write your own response. Take a moment and write down your family's rules about not drinking underage.

Fill in the blanks.

Kids who eat regular family dinner ____ times a week are about ___% less likely to use alcohol.

Fill in the blank.

Kids who begin drinking before age 15 are ____ times more likely to become alcohol dependent.

Write your own response.

What are some of the risks and behavioral problems associated with underage drinking? Ask your parents for help, if needed.

Fill in the blank.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends starting the conversation about the harms of underage drinking by the age of _____.

Write your own response.

What is one of your favorite things to do with your parents each day?

Fill in the blank.

Out of those people in treatment for alcohol dependence, nearly ____ out of 5 of them said it they began drinking in adolescence.

Fill in the blanks.

When kids leave the house, parents can stay involved in their kids' lives by asking questions like _____ are you going, ____ will you be with, and ____ there be alcohol?







