

## Marshall County Family Resource Network, Inc.



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### **‘Youth and Alcohol: How Do We Keep Our Children Safe and Healthy?’ Community Forum Jan. 8**

MOUNDSVILLE, WV – You’ve been hearing a lot on the Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition’s TV and radio commercials about how underage drinking brings a lot of families together tragically. But it can bring communities together to take positive action.

Underage drinking is the subject of a community forum on Friday, Jan. 8 called “Youth and Alcohol: How Do We Keep Our Children Safe and Healthy?” The forum will be held at 11 a.m. in the first-floor conference room at the Historic Federal Building, 324 7<sup>th</sup> St., Moundsville. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

The forum is being sponsored by the Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition, the Marshall County Family Resource Network (FRN) and the West Virginia Center for Civic Life. In 2009, the Center for Civic Life had picked Marshall County for a pilot project to build citizen involvement in preventing underage drinking. Marshall County was one of only three West Virginia counties picked to participate in the project. Since then, the Center for Civic Life held a daylong training in Marshall County on how to moderate community forums and then smaller community forums have been held on underage drinking. A discussion guide, “Youth & Alcohol: How Do We Keep Our Children Safe and Healthy?” was prepared by the FRN and the Center for Civic Life. Copies of the discussion guide will be distributed at the Jan. 8 forum. A copy can also be found at the Marshall County FRN’s Website, [www.marshallcountyfrn.com](http://www.marshallcountyfrn.com).

The Marshall County Anti-Drug Coalition is focusing on underage drinking in one of its major multimedia public-service campaigns, which began in December 2009. Beyond Marketing created the TV and radio commercials, and the billboards. The marketing campaign was funded through a Drug Free Communities Grant from the federal Office of National Drug Control Policy.

For more information about the Jan. 8 forum or to register, please contact the FRN at (304) 845-3300 or email [marshallcountyfrn@comcast.net](mailto:marshallcountyfrn@comcast.net).