

# KENTUCKY ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE

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**Mission** -- Kentucky Alcohol Policy Alliance (KAPA) is a statewide partnership established to identify current statutory issues, increase public support for effective and necessary policies, and formulate solutions to reduce underage and high-risk drinking. KAPA was formed on the premise that the sale of alcohol is unlike other products because of its potential to adversely affect families and communities. Alcohol is a drug; excessive alcohol usage has consequences especially to our young people.

**History** -- KAPA was started by a small group of steering committee members representing organizations statewide who recognized the need for statewide collaboration and cooperation along with an educated body to influence and direct alcohol issues in Kentucky. The first official meeting was held in April 2013, and the group has since grown to 70 members and a distribution list of more than 150 individuals and organizations in the Commonwealth and beyond.

**Communication** -- The State Alcohol Prevention Enhancement Site (PES) Manager, Tara McGuire ([tkmcguire@bluegrass.org](mailto:tkmcguire@bluegrass.org)), has taken the lead in managing communication and coordinating KAPA efforts. The direct link to the KAPA web-page is <http://www.kyprevention.com/projects/kapa/>. The link to the KAPA Meetings web-page where you will find information on the next meeting date, conference call information, meeting agendas and previous minutes is <http://www.kyprevention.com/projects/kapa/kapa-meetings/>.

## KAPA Success and Statewide Outreach:



- [Kentucky Prevention Week was December 8-14th, 2013](#) -- KAPA volunteers representing 93-counties (78%) signed up to meet with 130 of 136 (96%) KY Legislators (does not include two vacant seats), and provide education material on a public health issue effecting youth access to alcohol in Kentucky. Following the success of the first Kentucky Prevention Week in 2013, this event is now planned to reoccur on an annual basis.
- [KAPA Day at the Capitol was February 27, 2014](#) -- Youth and adult supporters from throughout Kentucky came together at the Statehouse to discuss alcohol policy and it helps or hurts kids. Volunteers had the opportunity to meet with their legislators with the message “**Prevention is COST EFFICIENT— the SOONER we address issues, the more money and resources are saved, and the better the outcomes.**” We wanted our legislators to associate US— KAPA and our partners— as [Prevention Experts](#) who care about the issues. 2015 KAPA Day at the Capitol planning is already underway.

### Alcohol Policy and Prevention Education:

- [Keg Registration Fact Sheet](#) (updated 2014-05)
- [Kentucky Wet-Dry Map](#) (updated 2013-11)
- [Medical Amnesty in Kentucky Fact Sheet](#) (updated 2013)
- [Prevention is Cost Effective Fact Sheet](#) (updated 02-2014)
- [Responsible Beverage Server Training Fact Sheet](#) (updated 2014-04)
- [Social Host Fact Sheet](#) (updated 2014-01)



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▪ **Alcohol Outlet Density in Kentucky:**

- **Current State Law** -- Youth under-21 may not enter a package store that sells distilled spirits and wine unless accompanied by a parent or guardian with the exception of pharmacies that hold a package license (804 KAR 5:070).
- **Judge Heyburn Ruling** -- On August 14, 2012-- U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II ruled that KY law (established more than 70 years ago) allowing sale of wine and liquor by some retailers, but not others, violates the U.S. Constitution Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- ***“This ruling, if it stands, will create the largest expansion of alcohol since the Prohibition”, and increase the potential for access to alcohol by minors.***
- **KAPA News Update.... The U.S. Court of Appeals reversed the U.S. District Judge John Heyburn ruling – KY LAW STANDS** (established more 70 years ago) allowing the sale of packaged wine and distilled spirits by liquor stores (who do not permit minors to enter or remain on premise or hire anyone under age-20) and pharmacies.
- **This was good news for prevention.** If the Appeal filed by the KY ABC would have lost, then ANY retailer could sell ANY type of alcohol. This includes grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, pawn and gun shops—even truck stops!



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