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www.ilcaaap.org
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for brochures and
prevention information
about alcohol.



**Just Pray
No**

The devastation of alcoholism and other drug addiction has impacted families and communities throughout the world.

The 25th Annual "Just Pray NO!" Worldwide Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for the addicted and their families is scheduled for April 11-12, 2015. (www.justprayno.org)

Extent and Consequences of College Drinking



Virtually all college students experience the effects of college drinking – whether they drink or not. Drinking affects college students, their families, and college communities at large. Each year the consequences for college students between the ages of 18 and 24 include:

- **Death** – An estimated 1,825 college students die from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.
- **Injury** – An estimated 599,000 students are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.
- **Assault** – An estimated 696,000 students are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.
- **Sexual Abuse** – An estimated 97,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.
- **Drunk Driving** – An estimated 3,360,000 of students drive under the influence of alcohol.
- **Academic Problems** – About 25 percent of college students report having academic consequences because of their drinking, including missed classes, falling behind, doing poorly on

exams/papers, and receiving lower grades overall.

- **Alcohol Abuse and Dependence** – Nineteen percent of college students met the criteria for alcohol abuse or dependence, but only 5 percent sought treatment.
- **Other Consequences** – Suicide attempts, health problems, vandalism, property damage, involvement with police.

Students attending schools with strong Greek systems and with prominent athletic programs tend to drink more than students at other types of schools. Alcohol consumption is highest among students living in fraternities and sororities and lowest among commuting students who live with their families.

Research shows that students who choose not to drink often do so because their parents discussed alcohol use and its adverse consequences with them.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism fact sheet on College Drinking

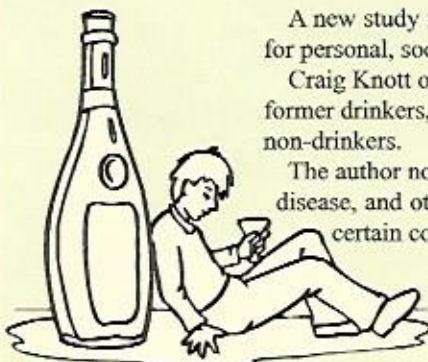
Addictions ruin lives. Won't you please consider supporting ILCAAAP's efforts to fight addiction?

Moderate Drinking Confers Little to No Health Benefits

A new study found little to no health benefits linked to alcohol consumption once the results were adjusted for personal, social economic, and lifestyle factors, according to HealthDay.

Craig Knott of University College London, who authored the study, said earlier studies were flawed because former drinkers, who appear to be less healthy, were put together with people who never drank, and then called non-drinkers.

The author noted the potential benefits of alcohol must be weighed against the increased risk of cancer, liver disease, and other illnesses associated with drinking. "Even if alcohol did turn out to be protective against a certain condition, it may also increase your risk of developing other health complaints," Knott said.



HealthDay and Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, February 11, 2015

Staff Activities

In order to give our readers an idea of how and where their donations are allocated, some of our activities are listed on this page.



ILCAAAP TEEN BOARD MEMBERS performed prevention skits at the Sacred Heart Griffin Snowball prevention event in Springfield on January 17, 2015.



THE ILCAAAP TEEN BOARD RETREAT was held at Clayville on February 21-22, 2015. Ron Jakubisin provided leadership and prevention training.



THE ILCAAAP TEEN BOARD performs prevention skits and gives presentations to youth groups, camps, and churches. To schedule a presentation, call Lynn at 866-940-6871.

Thank you for your generosity

**“The righteous cry out,
and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out
of all their troubles.”**

— Psalm 34:17

Churches Giving to ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches in Action October 16, 2014 – March 3, 2015

Centralia – Faith United Methodist
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Creal Springs – Fairview Baptist
Eldorado – College Heights Baptist
Hanover – United Methodist
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Jacksonville – Wesley Chapel United Methodist
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Naperville – Grace United Methodist Women
Springfield – Cherry Hills Baptist Church
Stewardson – United Methodist
Steward – United Methodist
Tremont – United Methodist
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Winnebago Evangelical Fellowship

Church Conferences & Church Organizations Giving to ILCAAAP/ Illinois Churches in Action

Chicago – Northern Illinois Conference of
the United Methodist Church
Springfield – American Baptist Churches
in the U.S.A.

Springfield – Illinois Great Rivers Conference
of the United Methodist Church
Marion IN – Midwest Association
of Social Brethren

Other Organizations

Griggsville – Pike County WCTU
Prohibition Trust Fund
Normal – WCTU

Memorial Gifts to help the living

In Memory of

Rev. Lloyd Bumpus
by Kathleen Bumpus

Chester Sample
by Mary Lee Sample

In Honor of

Rev. Bill & Emma Bryan
by Senior Sunday School Class of Grace
United Methodist Church, Naperville

Sr. Pauletta Overbeck & Anita Bedell
by Good Samaritan Trust

Rev. Harvey Chinn's 90th Birthday
by Jeannine Hobkirk & Anonymous donor

Sr. Pauletta Overbeck's 100th Birthday
by James Blue, Anita Bedell,
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Sutter,
Rev. Tom Grey, Anita Rohwedder,
Rev. Floyd & Kimberly Disney

19th Annual Alcohol Awareness Month Poster Contest For ALL students in Grades 6-12

Sponsored by Illinois Churches in Action

Grand prize: Laptop computer
2nd prize: Samsung Galaxy tablet
3rd prize: Kindle Fire
Additional prizes for individual school winners

Winners will be announced on April 13th. For more information
go to www.ilcaap.org or call Lynn at 1-866-940-6871

Legislative Highlights



Marijuana Legislation

Currently marijuana is illegal to possess in Illinois until the medical marijuana program begins, and only for those who are issued a medical marijuana card.

HB 218 treats the possession of marijuana (cannabis) like a parking ticket, with a fine of \$100. HB 218 **reduces the penalties** for knowingly possessing **30 grams (75 joints) of marijuana to not more than 500 grams (1,250 joints)**. More people will use and sell marijuana if the penalties are reduced to a misdemeanor.

HB 3245 makes possession of any drug paraphernalia or possession of 30 grams (75 joints) or less of cannabis a civil law violation, punishable by a maximum fine of \$125 each. Expunges records of a person convicted of the above.

Senate Bill 33 seeks to expand medical marijuana use to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). There are measures in place within the law for the Department of Public Health to expand the list of Debilitating Medical Conditions. **New research shows that marijuana may worsen the symptoms for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and increase violent behavior**, as reported in Medscape.com.

SB 753 reduces the penalties for possession of marijuana and allows people 21 and older to knowingly possess up to 30 grams (75 joints) of cannabis. **HB 753 also allows people to grow and possess 5 marijuana (cannabis sativa) plants.**

Alcohol Legislation

HB 1336 allows immunity from prosecution for someone seeking medical assistance for an individual due to excessive alcohol consumption.

SB 34 allows the sale of alcohol within 25 feet of a church in Chicago. SB 34 requires a letter from the alderman and the principal religious leader of the church saying they do not object to the issuance of the liquor license.

SB 67 bans the sale, delivery, or resale of powered alcohol.

Join the Statewide Action Alert Network
ILCAAAP sends out weekly e-mail alerts on gambling, alcohol, and marijuana issues. Send your e-mail address to ilcaap@sbeglobal.net or call 866-940-6871.

ILCAAAP is tracking 115 gambling bills, 61 alcohol bills, and 30 marijuana bills. We are writing position papers and testifying on many of these bills, including the ones listed below:

Gambling Expansion Bills

HB 335 legalizes Internet betting on horse racing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home computers, smart phones, I-Pads and tablets. HB 335 impacts live horse racing in Illinois. The Illinois Racing Board reports show **11% of the Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) handle is on Illinois Horses and 89% is on Out of State Races.** This will not save horse racing, but will make track owners and ADW companies richer.

HB 2939 would allow a massive state-owned casino in Chicago, with 4,000 to 10,000 gambling positions. Money distributed to the City of Chicago would be used for capital expenditures, public pensions, educational purposes, or a combination.

HB 3564 would allow five new casinos – Chicago, South Suburbs of Chicago, the counties of Vermillion, Lake, and Winnebago – and would allow slot machines at all of the state's horse-racing tracks, except for Fairmount Park. A study would be conducted as to the feasibility of having slot machines at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

HB 3870 makes the sale of Lottery tickets on the Internet permanent. This bill was passed as a "pilot" program in 2009 and allows anyone 18 and older to purchase Lottery tickets from a computer, smart phone, or electronic device.

HB 4052 and SB 746 would DOUBLE the number of video gambling machines at truck stops within 3 miles of a freeway interchange that sell 50,000 gallons of diesel/biodiesel fuel a month. Truck stops, which are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, have some of the highest video gambling losses in the State. These bills open the door for expansion of video gambling machines in all other establishments.

ILCAAAP AND CHURCHES IN ACTION GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT ADDICTIONS AND THE DISASTEROUS RESULTS THAT CAN HAPPEN TO PEOPLE... CAN YOU HELP IN OUR FIGHT?

Yes, you can count on me to support the ILCAAAP and Churches In Action efforts!

I would like to donate \$ _____ and I have enclosed my gift in the envelope provided.

I would like to make my donation **in memory of** _____
(deceased) or **in honor of** _____ (living).

We will use your donation wisely to distribute more materials to churches, teenagers and elected officials. Please enclose your donation with this form and place in envelope provided.

Thank you AND may God bless you!

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Medical Marijuana Licenses Issued – Recreational Marijuana Could Be Next!

On February 2 Governor Bruce Rauner granted licenses for 18 companies to grow medical marijuana and for 52 dispensaries to sell marijuana. The surprise move came just one week after Rauner said no licenses would be issued until a legal review of the process initiated under Democratic predecessor Pat Quinn was completed, reported the Chicago Tribune.

Lawsuits are pending over the licensing process, and one company that was awarded licenses for three cultivation centers has given up one license, saying there won't be enough clients to make it successful.

The "pilot" program has not yet started, yet some are predicting that recreational marijuana will be coming soon. Kathie Kane-Willis, director of the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, which helped shape the state's medical marijuana law, thinks recreational pot could be legal in Illinois in 3 to 7 years, reported CBS in Chicago. Contact your State Legislators at 217-782-2000 and tell them to oppose legislation to expand medical marijuana and decriminalize marijuana.

Using Medical Marijuana Could Make Parents Unfit



The Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled in a child custody case that although medical marijuana was legal in the state, its use can make a person unfit as a parent, reported the Portland Press Herald.

The newspaper reported the father kept "voluminous amounts" of baked goods with marijuana in his freezer and jars full of marijuana in the kitchen cabinet, and both locations were accessible to the child, the court's opinion said. The mother had testified that their daughter "reeked of marijuana butter" when she returned from staying with her father, according to the decision.

"As with any medication or substance, the question of whether a parent's ingestion of marijuana is legal is only part of the equation. The more important question is whether the ingestion negatively affects, limits or impairs a parent's capacity to parent his or her child," the Justice wrote in the decision.

The Press Herald, January 29, 2015