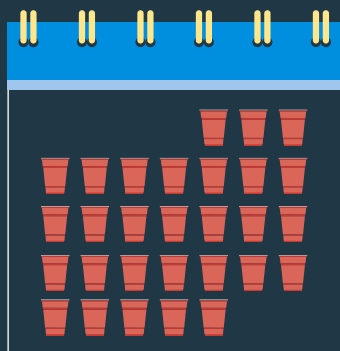



GETTING AHEAD OF A PROBLEM

Underage alcohol use can start early—even as young as age 9. Prevention efforts need to start just as early. Here's why:



 = 6,500
ADOLESCENTS

In 2018, nearly two and a half million 12- to 17-year-olds used alcohol for the first time, which averages to approximately 6,500 adolescents who begin using alcohol every day.

Despite what parents may think, children really hear their concerns when it comes to using substances, and it's important to discuss the risks of using alcohol and other drugs with them at every opportunity.

Informed, prepared communities have the best chance of getting ahead of underage drinking and other substance misuse.

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