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BRAIN RESEARCH AND UNDERAGE SCREENING— GETTING INFORMED, PREPARING TO ACT

**Welcome to the Second ICCPUD Webinar on
*Preventing Underage Drinking***

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Why We Should Worry About Underage Drinking

- Many young people drink.
 - When they drink, they often binge drink.
 - Underage drinking can have a range of acute and long-term consequences both for drinkers and for those around them.
 - The long-term consequences include increased risk for alcohol problems later in life.
 - In addition, underage drinking has the potential to interfere with brain development. You will hear more about that in the second part of today's webinar.
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Today's Topics

In today's webinar:

Dr. Vivian Faden, Director of NIAAA's Office of Science Policy and Communications and head of NIAAA's *Underage Drinking Research Initiative*, will discuss underage drinking from a developmental perspective. She will then review NIAAA's award-winning *Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide*.

Dr. Aaron White, from the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research at NIAAA and Program Director for College and Underage Drinking Prevention Research, will discuss the acute and chronic effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain, including blackouts and alcohol poisoning.
