



**Safe Homes
Gingerbread House
Contest
Coming Soon!**



Be on the lookout for the SHN
Gingerbread House around
town!

Information, contest rules
and applications will be
available on our
website: www.FHCoalition.org
starting November 22nd for
your chance to enter and win!

Good luck!

What to do if you suspect your child is drinking

Many teenagers experiment with alcohol, so if you find that your daughter or son has had a few drinks, stay calm.

It doesn't mean that she or he is a bad kid, just that you'll need to take some positive action. Talk to your child right away and work with her or him (and other parents) to prevent further underage alcohol use.

* If your children try alcohol, address the issue directly and positively. Use it as an opportunity to help them learn from mistakes and make better decisions in the future.

* Many kids respect a direct, honest approach; if you think your child is drinking, it may be best to just ask them directly. Don't be condemning or judgmental-just try to get the facts.

* If your child is drinking, it's very likely that her friends are drinking as well. Talk to your child's friends' parents about ways you can ensure that parties and get-togethers remain alcohol-free, such as by having an adult supervise these events.

* Getting other adults involved can be a great help if your child begins drinking. By recruiting your relatives, your friends, your child's friends' parents, and other caring adults to your cause, you can ensure that your child is receiving positive messages about avoiding alcohol use on a regular basis. *Encourage them to join the Safe Homes Network!*

**Welcome! to our new Safe Homes
Network members:**

Sheila and Brian Mei
Nicole and Shane Chalmers
Tim Yoder
Bethany Braun
Michelle and Ted Williams
Julie and Jim Blaes

Anne-Marie and Steven
Feyrer-Melk
Ginny and Randy Paulsen
Beth and Andy DiFelice
Jeanine Tasseff

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