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ALCOHOL POLICY
RESOURCE CENTER

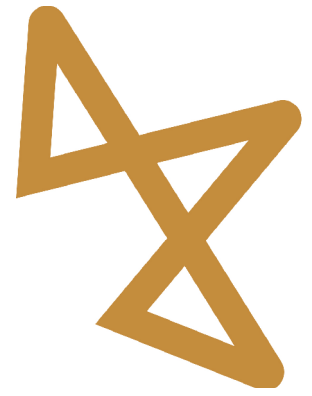
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FY 23

Annual Summary

YEAR IN REVIEW



The APRC provides training, technical assistance, resources, and tools on evidence-based alcohol policies and environmental strategies to municipal leaders, law enforcement and community coalitions focused on reducing underage and excessive drinking.

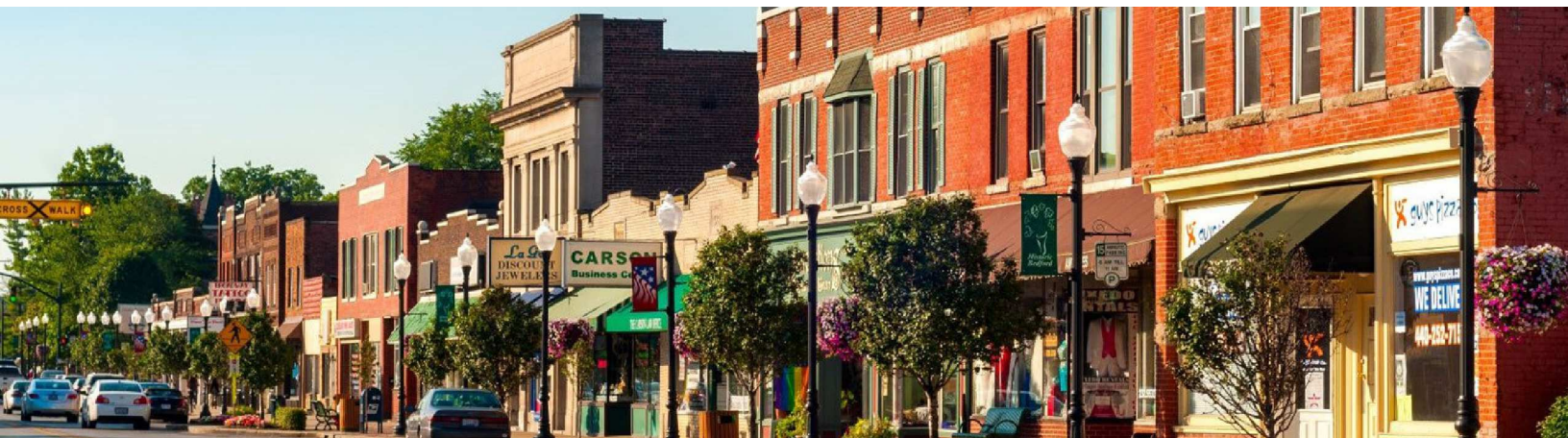
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OVERVIEW

FY23 was a renewed commitment to face-to-face engagement and collaboration. The Alcohol Policy Resource Center exhibited at seven conferences and hosted eleven law enforcement trainings. We amplified our prevention message to thousands of dedicated coalition members, municipal leaders, and law enforcement officers. We continued our commitment to high-quality webinars featuring national experts in the field, facilitating three this fiscal year. The APRC is an Alcohol Policy Advisory Board member for a University of North Carolina CDC-funded grant project. We have also cultivated a strong partnership with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Enforcement Division, utilizing their expertise to facilitate Alcohol Compliance Check law enforcement training. This partnership also facilitated the creation of a toolkit for officers to use when training youth who conduct compliance checks. The APRC collaborated with the Center for Prevention Research and Development to create an Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) recruitment infographic for law enforcement and municipal leaders.



CORE SERVICES



Webinars



**Law Enforcement
Training**



**Resources &
Tools**



Technical Assistance



Workshops



**Conferences,
Exhibits & Meetings**

WEBINARS

The APRC coordinated with national experts to share the latest research and strategies to prevent underage drinking.

Three webinars were conducted during FY23:

- Alcohol Misuse and Mental Health in the Pandemic Era and Beyond facilitated by Dr. Aaron White, Senior Scientific Advisor to the Director and Leader of the Epidemiology and Biometry Branch at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
- Prevention Messaging: Considering the Words We Use in Prevention Approaches facilitated by Dr. Jason Kilmer, Associate Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington (UW) School of Medicine and an Adjunct Associate Professor in Psychology at UW.
- Engaging Youth in Prevention facilitated by the Alcohol Policy Resource Center, Cannabis Policy Resource Center, Traffic Safety Resource Center, and Youth Prevention Resource Center.

Webinars enable the APRC to provide evidence-based information to a broad audience in a live and on-demand format. All webinars are recorded and posted on the APRC's Archived Webinar page.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

The APRC works with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) to certify alcohol enforcement training in Illinois. This certification allows law enforcement to receive needed certification hours when they attend training facilitated by the APRC. The APRC offers several certified trainings, including:

- Alcohol compliance checks
- Shoulder tap and other operational strategies for reducing third-party transactions of alcohol to minors
- Controlled party dispersal and party prevention
- Special events management
- Legal considerations for enforcing underage drinking laws

The APRC trained 160 officers in alcohol compliance checks this fiscal year. The trainings were held in Carbondale, Hoffman Estates, Effingham, Cary, Romeoville, Belleville, Aurora, DeKalb, Bensenville, Champaign, and Springfield. The APRC partnered with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Enforcement Division to train this course. This partnership also facilitated the creation of a toolkit for officers to use when training youth who conduct compliance checks.



Average overall training score for satisfaction - 3.76 out of 4.



Increase in knowledge - 2.96 out of 4 before training to 3.79 out of 4 after training.



Average training effectiveness score - 3.76 out of 4.

RESOURCES & TOOLS

Resources and tools allow the APRC to deliver capacity-building information directly to municipal leaders, law enforcement and coalition members. Resources and tools are available on the APRC website, distributed at meetings and conferences and uploaded into webinars. We often receive requests for materials to distribute through the APRC Clearinghouse, and we can provide resources through grant funds. The Clearinghouse has provided substance use prevention grantees an opportunity to share APRC printed resources with their coalition and the population they serve. Resources are also available in the Springfield and Chicago office.

Resources and tools developed in FY23:

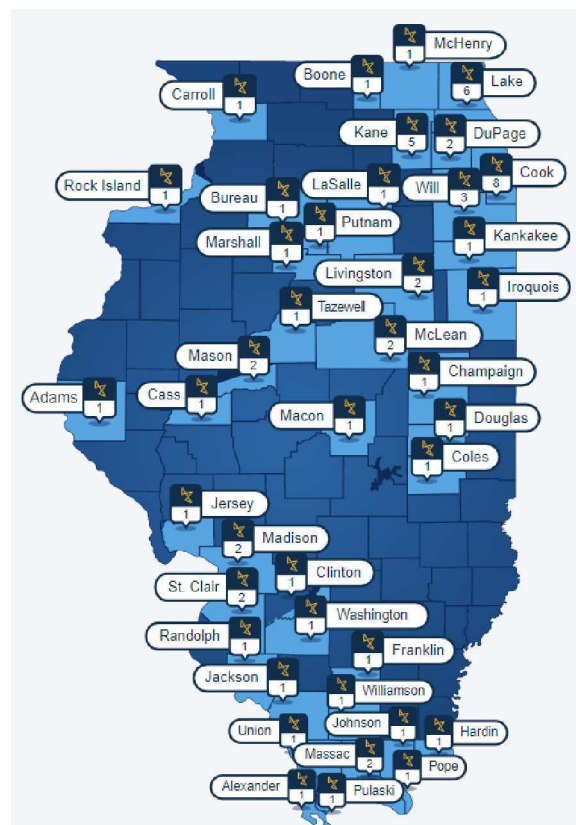
- [Alcohol Outlet Density Infographic](#)
- [Prevention Action Alert - Cocktails-to-Go](#)
- Alcohol Compliance Check Investigations Youth Training Toolkit
- [Environmental Scanning Toolkit](#)

The APRC newsletter is a monthly resource distributed to over 6,000 people worldwide. The newsletter features the latest resources and legislative updates relevant to alcohol prevention. Youth Voice articles featuring the Youth Prevention Resource Center’s Student Advisory Board members are published throughout the year. The newsletter also spotlights Illinois community coalitions’ underage drinking prevention efforts.

Illinois Prevention Coalition Map

The Alcohol Policy Resource Center created the Illinois Prevention Coalition Map to assist law enforcement and municipal leaders in finding community coalitions in their area. The map includes information on:

- Coalition location by county
- Areas served, such as city, town, or township
- Key substances
- Contact information
- Youth coalition
- Coalition website link



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance is provided to communities, law enforcement and municipal leaders to increase their capacity to implement evidence-based alcohol policies and law enforcement strategies. Technical assistance can be a one-time event or support offered over several weeks or even several months. In FY23, nine technical assistance clients received services.

Technical assistance topics included:

- Alcohol compliance checks
- Fake ID detection and challenges
- Ready-to-Drink Alcoholic Beverage placement
- Illinois Youth Survey data analysis & packaging
- Illinois Youth Survey promotion
- Law enforcement strategies
- Social Host Ordinances
- Strategic Prevention Framework
- Retail access
- Environmental strategies



WORKSHOPS

Virtual workshops led by the APRC focus on providing information to participants on various topics to increase knowledge of alcohol policies, policy adoption and policy enforcement.

The APRC offered three virtual workshop sessions in FY23:

- Strategic Prevention Framework and Environmental Strategies and Policies
- Current Alcohol Challenges/Ready-to-Drink Alcoholic Beverages
- Alcohol Policy and Strategy overview

Instagram Live



The APRC participated as a panelist for an Instagram Live event sponsored by The Potocsnak Family Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The panel focused on festival safety following the Lollapalooza music festival held in Chicago. The Special Events Toolkit was featured, emphasizing how to apply those best practices to local events.

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS & MEETINGS

Conferences, exhibits, and meetings allow the APRC to reach members of our target audiences and discuss services offered. They also offer resources to municipal leaders, law enforcement, community members, youth and coalition members. Depending on the conference, exhibit or meeting, we customize materials for distribution, based on resources and tools to build capacity for alcohol policies. We also promote technical assistance, webinars and law enforcement training.

In FY23, the APRC exhibited at the following conferences/meetings:

- Illinois Association for Behavioral Health Conference
- Illinois Sheriff's Conference
- Illinois Municipal League Conference
- Township Officials of Illinois Conference
- Illinois New Sheriff's Meeting
- Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit
- Illinois School Resource Officer's Conference

The APRC presented at four conferences during FY23:

- Youth Act Conference
- Illinois Association for Behavioral Health Conference
- ILCC's College Town Summit
- CGTI Mid-Year Conference



The APRC provided meeting coordination and agenda development and helped facilitate Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use meetings. In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, the Illinois Alliance provides stakeholders working to reduce underage drinking a community of peers who share data, current research, best practices and ongoing underage drinking prevention efforts implemented in the Illinois. The Illinois Alliance also offers an opportunity to review the Illinois STOP Act report. Four virtual meetings were held during the fiscal year.

The APRC is a member of the the American Public Health Association - ATOD Leadership Team's Alcohol Action Network (AAN). The AAN meets twice monthly with alcohol prevention leaders from across the country. This group shares resources, experiences and knowledge on topics such as cocktails-to-go, alcohol home delivery, curbside delivery and alcohol taxes.

The APRC serves all of Illinois, and in-person coalition meetings would be nearly impossible. Virtual meeting platforms have opened doors to coalitions all across the state. We have participated in local coalition meetings throughout the year to assess prevention providers' needs and develop working relationships.

The Alcohol Policy Resource Center is on the Alcohol Policy Advisory Board for a University of North Carolina CDC-funded grant project. This project examines the contexts of alcohol availability and accessibility amidst changing regulatory situations over the course of the pandemic.

APRC ADVISORY COUNCIL

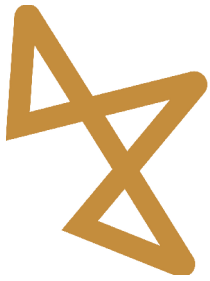
- Matt Cassity – Alliance Project Coordinator, 360 Youth Services
- Kenneth Williams - Liquor Control Supervisor, Central Region, Division of Enforcement, Illinois Liquor Control Commission
- Chamberly Cummings – City Council, Town of Normal
- Lieutenant Adam Kapchinske – Police Department, Town of Normal
- Robyn Block – Youth Prevention Resource Center Administrator, Prevention First
- Richard Brunk – Rock Island County Board Chairman
- Lee Roupas – BASSET and Under 21 Program Manager, Illinois Liquor Control Commission
- Shannon Alderman - Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, Bureau of Safety Programs & Engineering, Illinois Department of Transportation
- Kelly O'Connor - Prevention Services Manager, Oak Park Township
- Deputy John Shallenberger – Tazewell County Sheriff's Office
- Marni Basic – Illinois Youth Survey Coordinator, Center for Prevention Research & Development at the University of Illinois
- Kellie Henrichs – Chief Program Officer, Prevention First
- Jacob Levinson - Cannabis Policy Resource Center Administrator, Prevention First
- Jody Heavilin – Alcohol Policy Resource Center Administrator, Prevention First
- Jameika Sampson - Director of Resource Centers, Prevention First

During FY23, the APRC Advisory Council met, via Zoom, on December 2, 2022, and May 18, 2023. These meetings provided an opportunity for Advisory Council members to hear about the APRC initiatives and provide feedback, perspectives, expertise and guidance to the APRC. The APRC also produces a monthly newsletter for Advisory Council members that provides updates on new resources, upcoming webinars, law enforcement training and conferences and exhibits. This newsletter also includes pertinent information for Advisory Council members to build their capacity for underage drinking prevention and related topics.

APRC SOCIAL MEDIA

The APRC utilizes LinkedIn and Facebook to promote resources and professional development opportunities for law enforcement, prevention coalitions and municipal leaders. Another social media avenue is the APRC YouTube channel that features microlearning videos.





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