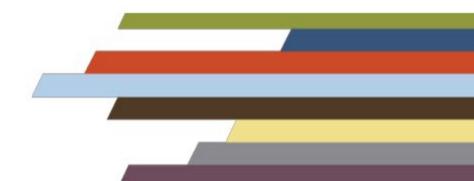




On-the-Spot Discussion Panel: Engaging Key Decision Makers to Reduce Alcohol-Related Harms

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Objectives for Today

- Explore options for engaging with key decision-makers
- Connect with networks available to support public health and policy safeguards.
- Apply successes and lessons learned from today's regional spotlights to your work
- Tailor and use the Alcohol Awareness Toolkit #ProofIsIntheNumbers



Today's Agenda

Context Setting: Engaging Key Decision-Makers, Diane Riibe

Alcohol Action Network (AAN), A Project of APHA Sean Haley, PhD, MPH

Alcohol Action Network Observations Toolkit, Julia Dilley, PhD, MPH

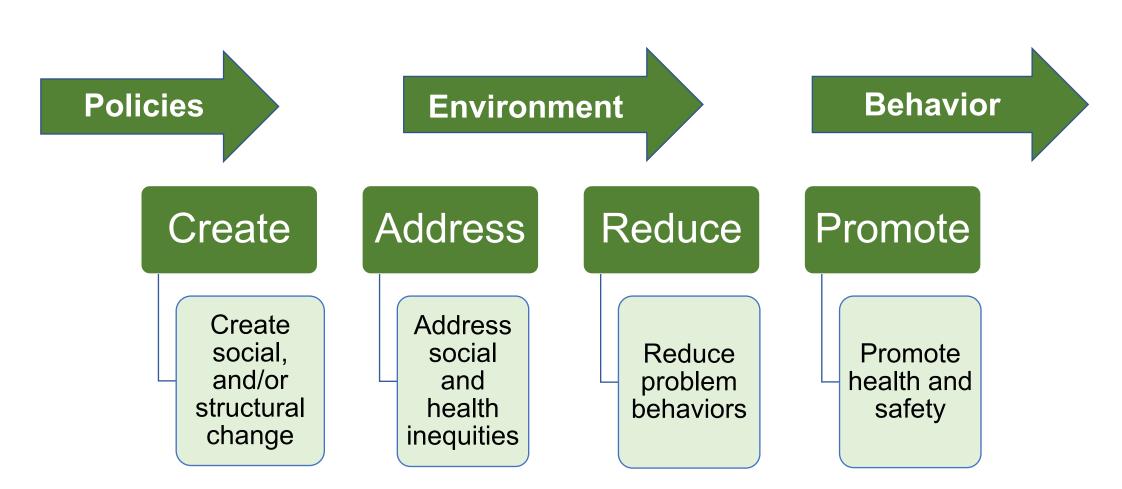
Regional Spotlights:

- Anchorage Alcohol Tax, Tiffany Hall, MPH Recover Alaska
- 2. Failing Forward, Mike Marshall, Recover Oregon

2022 Alcohol Awareness Toolkit #ProofIsInTheNumbers, Mary Segawa, MS

Questions and Discussion

Why an Environmental Approach



Education, Advocacy, Lobbying

Education

Sharing data and information

Advocacy

 Actively raising awareness about an issue and how generally to address it.

Lobbying

 Asking for specific legislation, specific regulatory or judicial reform, or support for or against a ballot initiative. (Language: support, oppose, vote for, vote against, etc.)



So How Do I Know?

Advocacy

- Letters to the editor/op eds
- Coalition meetings
- Relationship building
- Community organizing
- Data collection and research
- Media interviews
- Presentations to community groups

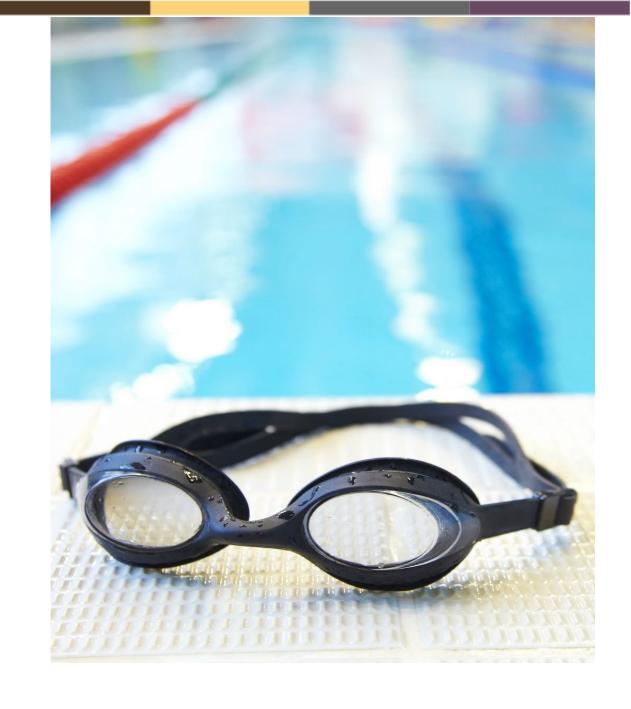
Lobbying

- Communicating w/ decision makers (elected official/their staff or voters on ballot measure)
- About existing or potential legislation
- And urging a vote for/against
- ALL three are required: decision makers, actual legislation, asking for a vote

National Council of Nonprofits

When Is Lobbying Allowed?

- When acting as a private citizen on your own time
- If your organization files IRS Form 5768 to make the "H" election and be listed as 501(H)
 - Up to 20% of total budget can be spent on lobbying, but not public funds (federal, state, county)
 - Must track hours and dollars spent



Don't Be Confused – Be Informed

- Seek out good sources of accurate information:
 - Alliance for Justice's Bolder Advocacy, Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest, Independent Sector, National Council of Nonprofits
- Talk with knowledgeable colleagues through APHA's Alcohol Action Network – professionals within your own circle
- Recognize that both advocacy and lobbying take courage
- Change precedes progress, and change is rarely comfortable – do it anyway





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Immediate Past Chair ATOD Section of APHA
Assistant Professor
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The Alcohol Action Network (AAN), a project of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Section, was established to address the increases in alcohol availability across the US. The only requirement to participate is that you are actively engaging in alcohol policy in your state or local community. AAN serves as a place to get support and resources for your alcohol policy efforts.



AAN Development Milestones

June – Dec 2020

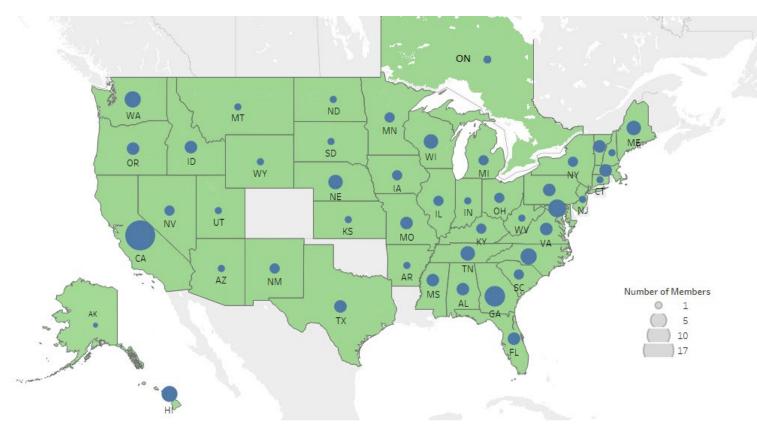
Networking and information sharing in a large group

Launch 3 Adopted "Alcohol Launched breakout Welcomed Alcohol committees: First meeting on rooms by topic and Action Network" Policy Intern Action, June 4 name on October 15 Policy Bootcamps Snigdha Peddireddy Membership, Research **June 2020** Oct 2020 Feb 2021 **June 2021** Jan 2022 **Sep 2020** Nov 2020 Mar 2021 **July 2021** Ad hoc Planning Welcomed Intern Committee McKenna Launched breakout Hired Alcohol Policy established Roudebush Fellow rooms by region AJPH editorial





AAN Membership

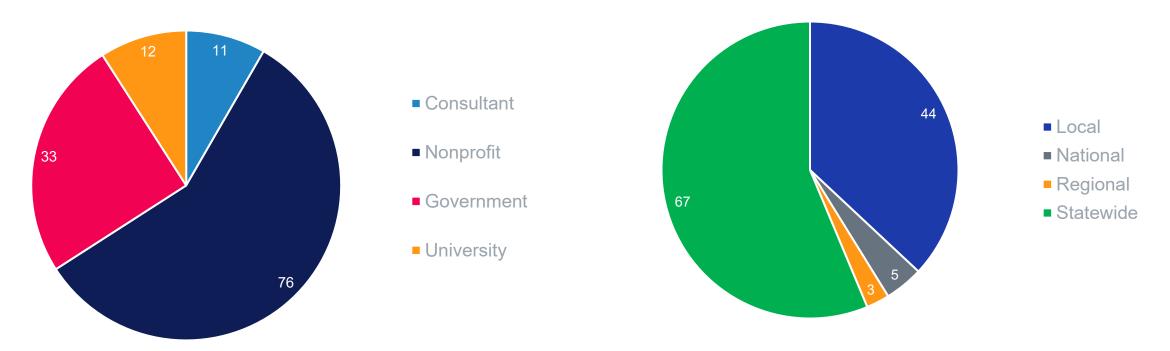


There are 133 members who come from 47 states and one Canadian province.



For science. For action. For health

AAN Membership



AAN has representation from a variety of sectors, primarily nonprofit and government. Most members are active at the local and state levels.



Approach:

Build state and local policy capacity, leverage federal opportunities, create tools, share resources and science to deepen alcohol prevention knowledge and action.

Capacity Building



Our State Approach:

Building states' capacity in alcohol policy



Peer-to-peer mentorship fostered through breakout groups, boot camps, and committee activities









Our State Approach:

Creating tools and resources





Written topic briefs

(e.g. home delivery and alcohol to-go)







Resource hub – Trello and Google Drive

Tools



Sample of Alcohol Policy Boot Camps:

Deepening Knowledge through Interactive Learning:











Three-tier system

(Presenter: Cassie Tourre, MPA)



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Preemption

(Presenter: Elyse Grossman, JD, PhD)











Data Collection

(Presenter: Julia Dilley, PhD)

State Alcohol Regulatory Authority

(Presenter: Jake Holmes, MS, CPM)

Rulemaking

(Presenter: Sara Cooley Broschart, MPH)

State Profiles



Morbidity



After adjusting for age, North Carolina has the 13th highest alcohol-associated cancer incidence rate in the country

> Nearly 20% of all admissions into a substance abuse treatment facility in 2018 involved alcohol



Mortality



27% of crash fatalities in 2019 were from alcohol imported to alcohol-impaired driving crashes

> From 2010-2019, 12% of accidental drug overdose deaths involved alcohol





In 2022, North Carolina can expect 13.5 deaths per day from alcohol-associated cancers

Cost



According to the most recent data, the total cost of excessive drinking in North Carolina is \$7.34 billion

> The total cost of excessive drinking in North Carolina is \$2.11 per drink



Alcohol Policy Landscape

The Alcohol Policy Scale (APS) assessed 29 state-level policies from 1999-2018 and assigned all 50 states plus the District of Columbia a score out of 100. A score close to 100 reflects a strong alcohol policy environment.



Overall score of 47

out of 100

Relative to other states, a state rank of 1 demonstrates the strongest alcohol policy environment, while a rank of 51 demonstrates the weakest policy environment.



Ranked 13th out of 51 Full release (March 17th)

ALCOHOL TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG (ATOD) SECTION

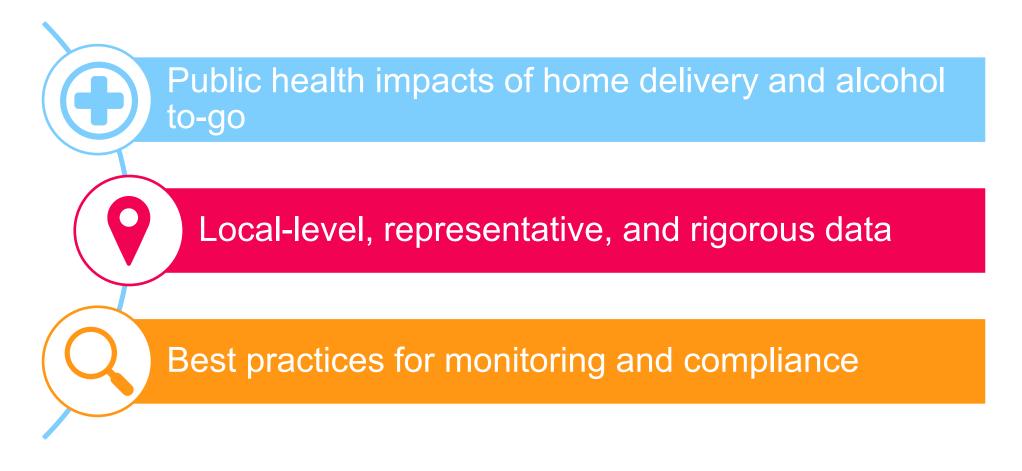




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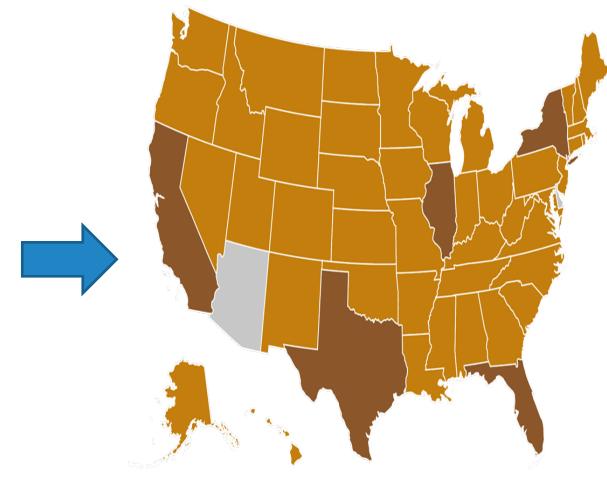


What are the research gaps?



National Capacity Assessment

- States' Capacity to Support Alcohol
 Prevention Policies during the COVID-19
 Pandemic
 - o 53 Interviews; 48 states
 - May report release
- Observation Tool (Dr. Julia Dilley)



Missing states: AZ, DE

Darker shaded states had > 1 interviewee

Action



Our Federal Approach:

Leveraging federal opportunities (APHA/AAN) with strong collaborators

Petitioned Alcohol and Tobacco, Tax and Trade Bureau for alcohol-cancer warning label

(partnered with CFA, CSPI Alcohol Justice, among others)

Opposed the Craft Beverage Modernization Act (partnered with **USAPA** and Alcohol Justice)

Defeated USPS Shipping Equity Act amendment

(partnered with USAPA, CADCA and Alcohol Justice)

Provided oral comment on 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines Submitted comment on the WHO's SAFER initiative (assisted USAPA)

Sober Truth on Preventing **Underage Drinking** (STOP) Act Reauthorization



Sampling of AAN member accomplishments:

Successes, great and small

Member Accomplishments

Alaska

Tiffany Hall (Recover Alaska) received the national Andy Hyman Award for Advocacy.

California

- Youth submitted a resolution to SF City Council (passed in Nov 2020) acknowledging the challenges with preemptive law and alcohol regulation. (Discovering the Realities of Our Community, Bay Area Community Resources)
- Alcohol Justice co-led Youth for Justice Summer Academy, held COVID-19 Alcohol Deregulation press briefing, and co-led 2020 CAPA Summit.
- Alcohol Justice issued calls to action to Attorney General Xavier Becerra to investigate AB InBev takeover and CA government to demand harm reduction.
- Alcohol Justice launched licensee complaint form.

Georgia

- Michael Mumper (Georgia Alcohol Policy Alliance) provided testimony on alcohol to-go legislation.
- Created Georgia Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA) and increased awareness of its role as alcohol policy watchdog in GA.
- GAPA tracked pandemic-era bills, attended USAPA training, is conducting preemption analysis, and has plans to develop legislative priorities and "defense plan" going into 2022 legislative session.

Member Accomplishments

Hawaii

 HI Alcohol Policy Alliance offered testimony in support of bill to lower BAC limit.

Maryland

- LTE: <u>Alcohol industry serves up political clout even</u> during a pandemic (MD PHA)
- LTE: <u>Use alcohol tax to correct health care</u> <u>disparities</u> (MD PHA)
- LTE: Raising Maryland alcohol tax crucial to better health (MD PHA)
- Policy success: Cocktails to-go and home delivery legislation passed with a sunset of 2 years and a clause requiring a report on the public health impact.
- Policy success: Defeated bill that would have led to a massive expansion of alcohol sales in grocery and chain stores across MD.

Nebraska

- Op-ed: <u>Local view: To-go cocktails must go</u> (Project Extra Mile)
- Project Extra Mile featured on Nebraska Public Radio regarding rolling back pandemic-era deregulation.
- Worked with coalition members across the state to get four LTEs published in major media markets as bills were being considered. (Project Extra Mile)
- Worked with local and state law enforcement to conduct MLDA compliance checks and drafted COVID-related changes to guidelines governing compliance checks. (Project Extra Mile)
- Policy success: Require businesses to indicate they intend to continue cocktails to-go, which will allow for targeted enforcement in the future.

Member Accomplishments

New Hampshire

- Conducted critical enforcement efforts regarding youth access to alcohol.
- Kate Frey discussed alcohol consumption during COVID-19 and its related harms on NH Public Radio.

Oregon

- News: <u>Oregon bill proposes increase in alcohol</u> taxes to fund behavioral health, substance use programs
- Op-ed: <u>Low alcohol taxes uphold systemic racism</u> (Oregon Recovers)
- AAN members testified in support of floor pricing
- Bills in Ways and Means Committee: HB 3377
 (creates legislative task force to develop proposal
 that reduces underage and binge drinking and
 funds state's plan to address addiction crisis
 through taxes); HB 3111 (creates network of
 recovery community centers)

Texas

 Op-ed: <u>Holt: To-go alcohol will create</u> <u>challenges for Texas youth (TXSDY)</u>

Washington

- Policy success: HB 1062 allowing any beer/wine off-sale licensee to sell spirits was defeated.
- Multiple agencies collaborated to advocate for this policy success. Actions included drafting fact sheet on consequences of expanded outlet density shared with legislators and mobilizing prevention field to provide testimony.

Interested? Contact:

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Email: leadership@apha-atod.org

(subject AAN)

Monitoring Out-ofstore Alcohol Purchases

Julia Dilley, PhD MES

Epidemiologist – Multnomah County

Health Dept & Oregon Health Authority

Public Health Division, AAN volunteer



Photo: mixed drinks in unsealed cups placed next to driver during a "drinks to-go" observation. Okanogan County, WA. July 2021.

Background: Need for information

- During the pandemic many states relaxed alcohol policies
- Regulatory agencies did not always have opportunity to prepare for monitoring outside of brick-and-mortar stores
- Some states are contemplating making changes permanent
- Information is needed to inform policymaking, and to advocate for resources and/or authority for monitoring and enforcement

A toolkit to meet the need

Alcohol Action Network (AAN) developed an online toolkit to support monitoring out-of-store alcohol transactions

Each participating jurisdiction receives:

Planning form and collaboration agreement

Unique web link to share with volunteers doing observations

Report of findings

AAN will report on combined data (for jurisdictions that agree to share)

Observation Tool Methods

- Types of transactions to observe
 - Home delivery
 - Curbside pickup
 - Drinks-to-Go
- Adult (21+) volunteers record information about a purchase that they planned or that would be "normal" for them
- Some sites are providing small incentives or covering the cost of purchases; others are doing without any funding
- Observations are <u>not</u> intended for enforcement action

Online Tool Questions

The observation form is easily completed on a smartphone

- **Basic information** about an alcohol purchase: type of purchase, where and when, alcohol licensee, if 3rd party delivery used
- What was purchased: order content and cost, type of alcohol, type of packaging
- How ID was checked: the observer's age group is reported no other personal information about the observer is included in the data
- **Photos:** receipts, packages, information that tells the story of the purchase

Pilot test results

May – July 2021, conducted in 1 Western US State

June 2021. Thurston County, WA.

Comment from observer, age 40+: Last weekend the groceries -- including an obvious 6-pack of beer -- were left on our doorstep with no contact. We heard the doorbell ring, but when we got there the truck was pulling away. In fairness, this was during a significant heat wave in our area, so I am sure the driver was only trying to get back to their cool truck, and our home is not visible to any other homes so that it's unlikely someone would have seen the beer, but that is definitely not a good practice.



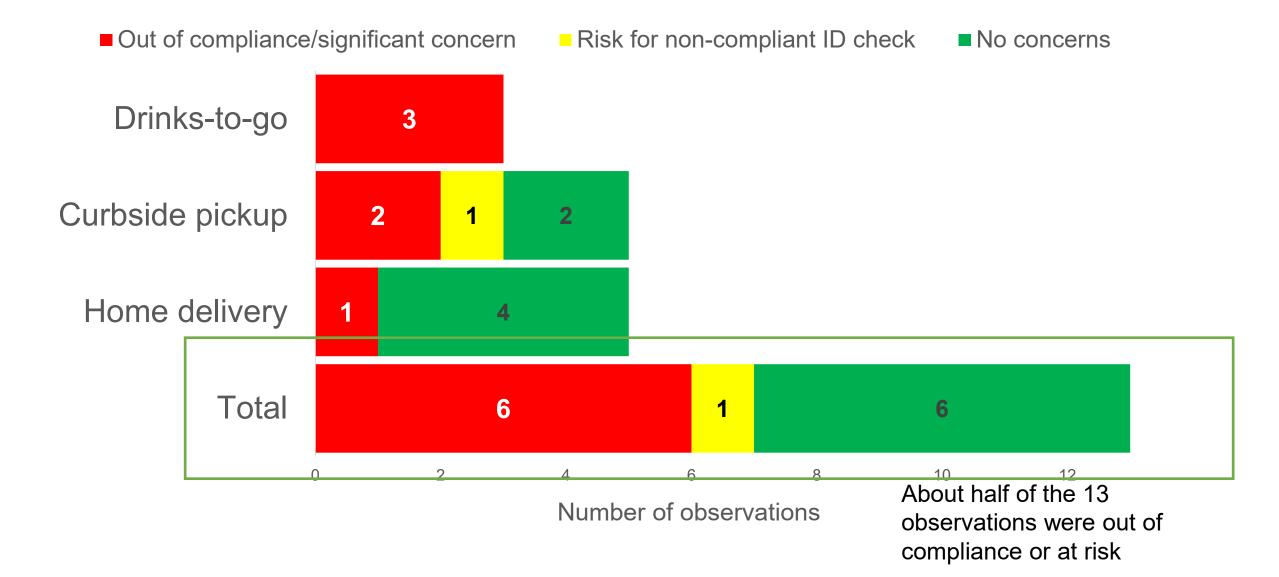
Coding main outcomes of transactions

 Out of compliance/of significant concern: transaction violated laws, rules, or did not meet current guidelines or anticipated requirements from policies in development

Reason-specific codes

- Delivery of alcohol to a minor
- Delivered alcohol to inappropriate place (passenger area of vehicle, no contact delivery to home)
- Packaging out of compliance
- Risk for non-compliance of ID/age check: ID was not formally checked when alcohol was given to a person ages 21-29
- No evidence of concerns

Results



What we learned

These observations showed a majority of transactions that were not fully compliant with laws or guidelines/anticipated rules

Young adult ID checking may be of specific concern

• In the 3 observations done by young adults ages 21-29, none of them had IDs checked (2 were curbside pickup, 1 drinks-to-go)

Stronger guidance may be needed around "drinks-to-go"

- None of the 3 observations were in compliance with packaging guidelines
- Improper placement of drinks-to-go in vehicles may also be a concern

Accessing and using this tool

AAN is sharing this tool with interested states and jurisdictions, and offering technical assistance (TA)

- Check website (in dev't): www.alcoholactionnetwork.com
- Contact AAN: leadership@apha-atod.org

Thank you!

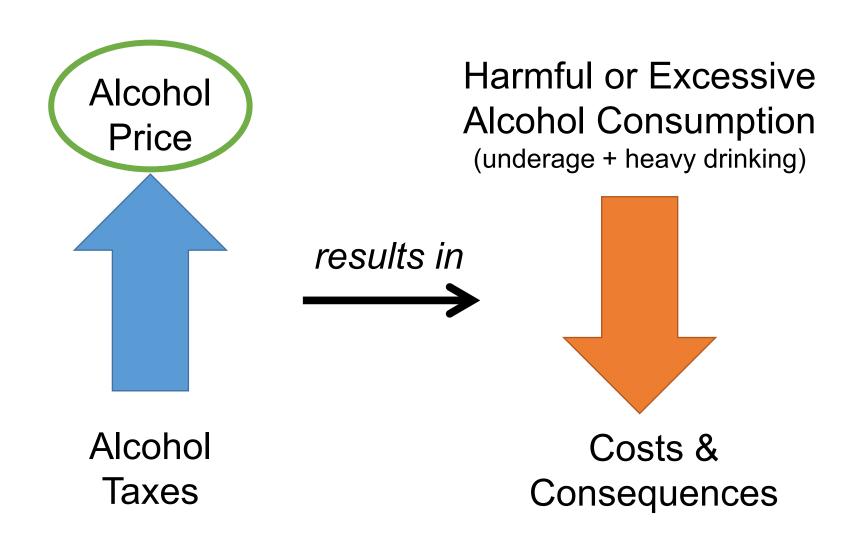
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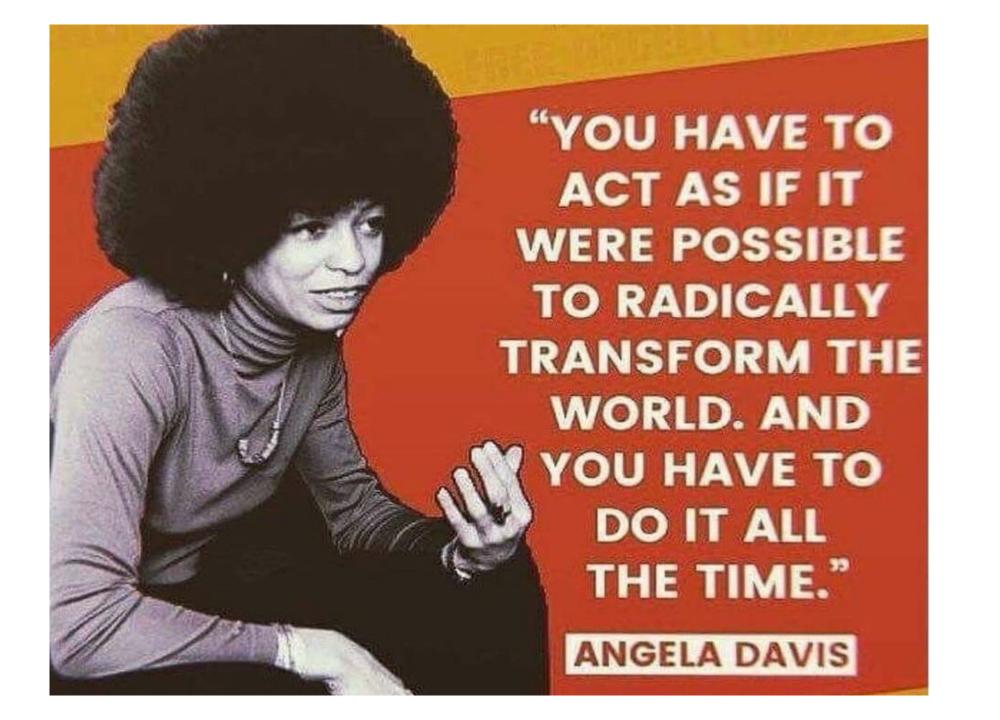
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Tiffany Hall, Executive Director

Why a tax? Because taxes work!





Polling + smart legislation for the win

Three revenue dedications

- 1. Public Safety
- 2. Prevention of Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Domestic Violence
- 3. Treatment and Prevention of Mental Health & Substance Misuse and Homelessness Services

Built-in Accountability

- Cannot be changed without a vote of the public
- Annual mandatory reporting
- Cannot supplement current funding
- Public process determines utilization







Poverty

Partner and family violence

Homelessness

Unemployment

Mental health crises

Substance misuse

Perceptions of safety



and will meaningfully reduce the issues voters prioritized in the ballot measure

Frequent involvement with police, corrections

Domestic violence, sexual assault

Child maltreatment

Unsheltered homelessness

Deaths of despair



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Engaging Key Decision Makers to Reduce Alcohol-Related Harms



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Who we are (partial list)













































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800 Wineries

1,144 Vineyards

73 Distributors

400 Breweries

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98% of Oregon Alcohol Industry is white owned and operated.



Lowest taxes in the country

Oregon's beer taxes haven't been adjusted since the Carter presidency, wine since the Reagan presidency...

Less than \$0.01/ beer

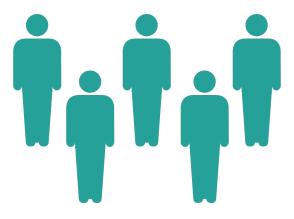
Less than \$0.03/ wine

Sub \$7
spirit
products

The Addiction Crisis

Untreated Addiction Rate





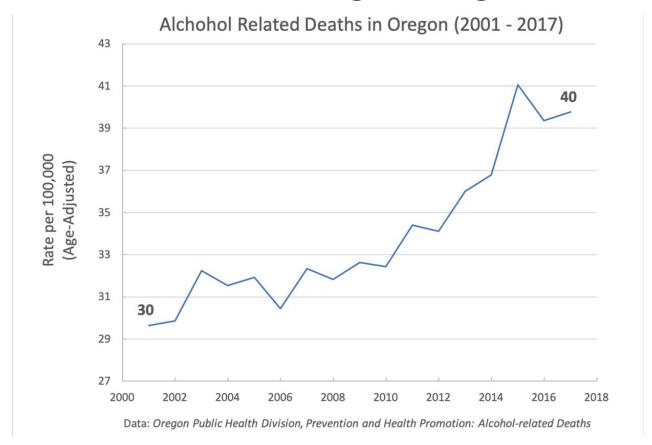
Alcohol kills 6 Oregonians a day compared to 1-2 drug overdoses each day.

Access to Addiction
Treatment



Oregon has the 5th highest rate of untreated alcohol addiction

Pre-Covid: Alcohol is Killing Oregonians



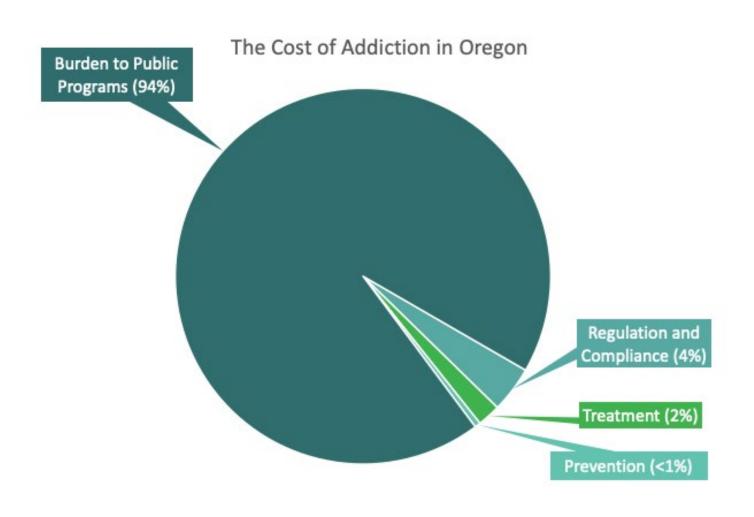
Alcohol kills 2,190 Oregonians a year, a 34% increase since 2001.

COVID Impacts

According to the State Medical Examiner there was a 73% increase in alcohol-related deaths in 2020.

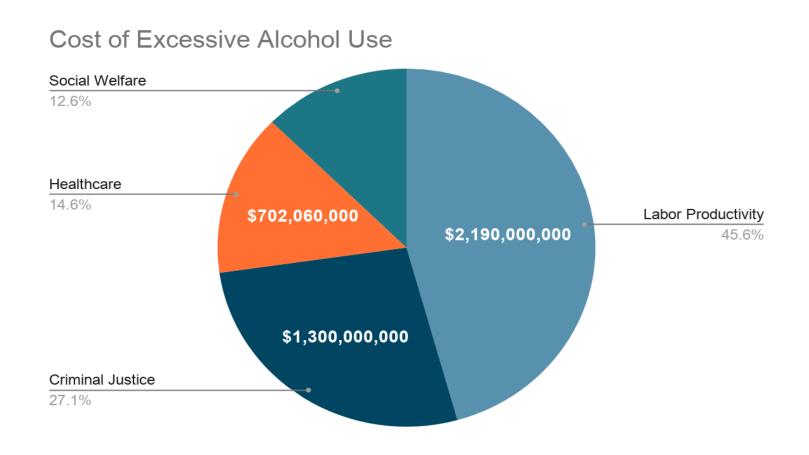
Preliminary data for 2021 indicates it was equally high.

The Cost of Untreated Addiction: \$6.7 Billion annually



Less than 3% goes to treatment and prevention

The Cost of Excessive Alcohol Use: \$4.8 BILLION



"The \$4.8 billion in economic losses stemming from excessive drinking represented roughly 2 percent of the 2019 gross state product. Averaged across the population, excessive alcohol use cost Oregon \$1,100 per person."

2021 Legislative Agenda COMPROMISE

A bill to reform
Oregon Liquor
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(OLCC)

A bill to require consumer notification about dangers of alcohol

Create a
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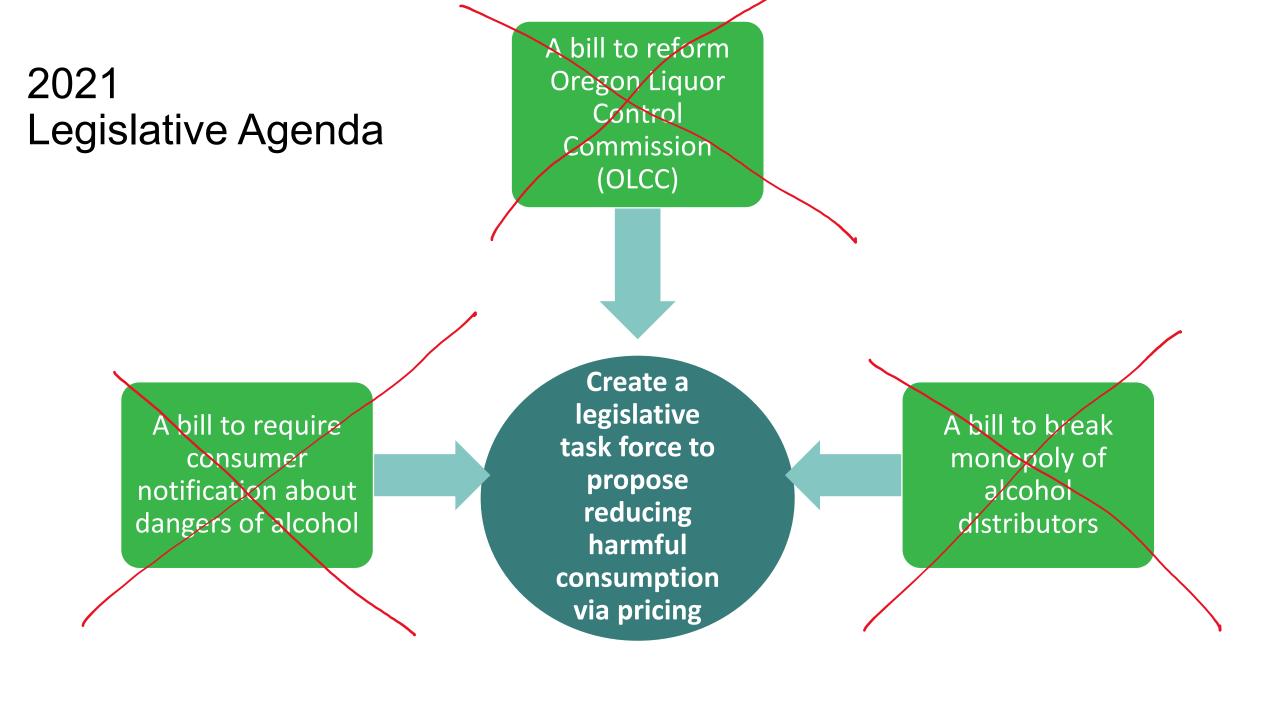
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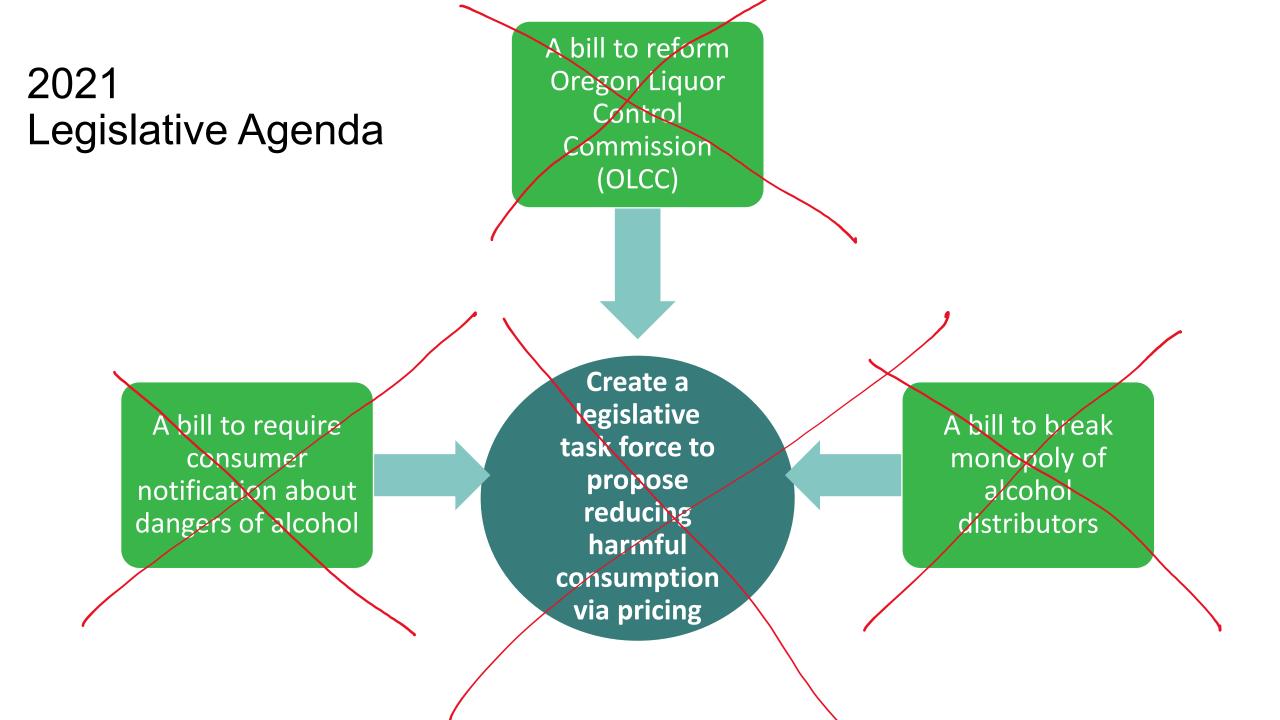
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Dramatic expansion of access to alcohol:

- Permanent allowance for cocktails to go
- Tax break for local distilleries
- Increased size of personal wine shipments
- Allow beer kegs to be sold at all convenience stores

ALSO:

Dropped "control" from the name of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

WHAT WE LEARNED

- COVID diminished our power
- We need more voices on alcohol
- We need to secure support of stakeholders with most to gain (healthcare, CCO's, insurance)
- We need campaign finance reform
- We need to re-educate, not just educate

WHAT WE GAINED

- We know their best arguments
- Identified allies & opponents in legislature
- Built a stronger statewide and national coalition
- Better educated reporters



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2022 Alcohol Awareness Toolkit #ProoflsInTheNumbers,

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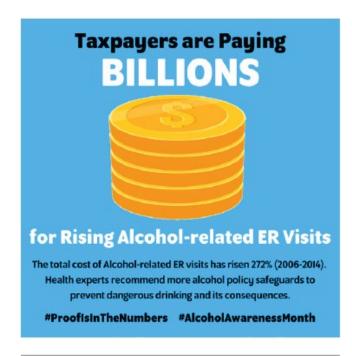


APRIL IS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Check out our Toolkit to help you get ready, get set, and go during National Alcohol Awareness Month and Beyond...

Join us as we:

- Raise awareness about alcohol-related harms and the importance of strong alcohol policies using social media memes based on data.
- Educate decision makers about effective alcohol policies by providing easy-to-personalize, template opinion editorials, letters to legislators, and proclamations.





ALCOHOL Toolkit: AWARENESS Toolkit: #ProofIsInTheNumbers

Brought to you by the Northwest PTTC, we encourage you to use the materials to raise awareness around these themes during April, National Alcohol Awareness Month.

2022 WEEKLY THEMES

WEEK 1 (April 1-9): Harms to Others/Impaired Driving/Violence

WEEK 2 (April 10-16): Increases in Alcohol-Related Emergency

Room Visits

WEEK 3 (April 17-23): Alcohol's Role in The Opioid Epidemic

WEEK 4 (April 24-30: Alcohol and Cancer

Find the Toolkit at:

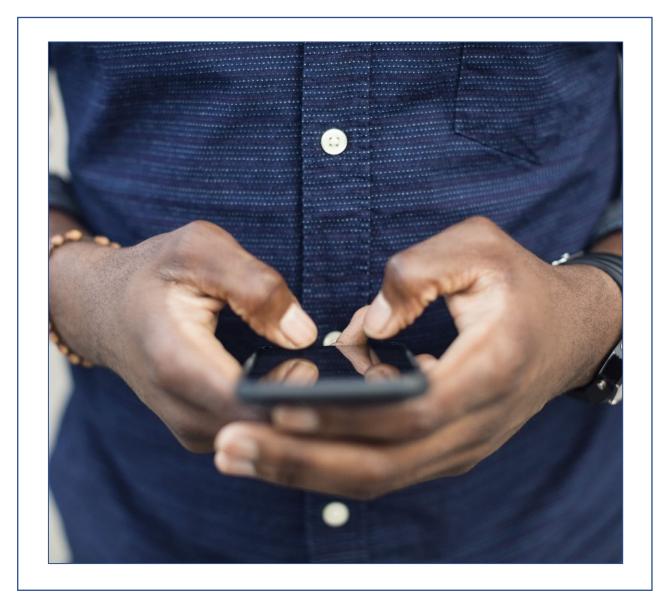
https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/alcohol-awareness-toolkit

What do we want to accomplish?

- Raise awareness about alcohol harms and the importance of strong alcohol policies.
- 2. Encourage engagement from prevention and public health stakeholders to strategically educate and inform policy makers about effective alcohol policies.



Social media tools Memes for each week's theme



Awareness and Advocacy Tools to Focus Your Message

Engagement tool templates

- Opinion editorials
- Letters to policy makers
- Proclamations
- Resolutions of support



Easily adaptable!

Let's take a look together

https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/alcohol-awareness-toolkit





PUBLIC AWARENESS

Goal 1

Defining and achieving

our objectives!

Possible Tactics

Tactic 1: Do 4 Facebook posts each week in April based on weekly themes.

Tactic 2: Work with one partner organization that aligns with weekly theme to share Facebook post with its constituents to expand reach.

Tactic 3: Promote Facebook posts on at least one other medium (e.g., newspaper, radio, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube) each themed week.

Engagement

Goal 2

Defining and achieving

our objectives!

Possible Tactics

Tactic 1: Secure 15 community partners to share the Alcohol Awareness Month proclamation. (*Bonus: Host a news conference, with partners, to announce the Proclamation.)

Tactic 2: Present to a community partner that aligns with the weekly theme, sharing the toolkit to raise awareness about alcohol-related harms and the important role alcohol policy safeguards play in protecting the public.

Tactic 3: Encourage one community partner that aligns with one or more of the weekly themes to submit an opinion editorial to a local newspaper. (*Bonus: Post the opinion editorial on FB once it runs.)

FINDING AUTHENTIC MESSENGERS

YOUTH-FOCUSED

Teachers,
Parents,

Faith leaders,

PTA,

Youth

LAW ENFORCEMENT

EMS
Professionals,

Fire & Rescue,

Fraternal

Associations

PUBLIC HEALTH

Pediatricians,

Nurses,

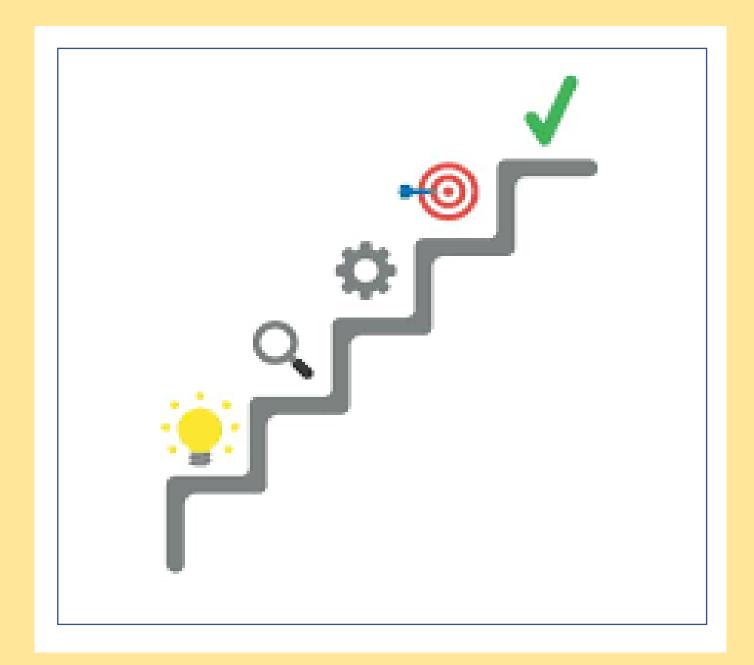
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Physicians,

Coalition

Leaders

Next steps



Discussion
Thoughts /
Questions



Post-Discussion Panel Feedback

Please click on the link in the chat to complete a very brief online feedback form!

Thank you!



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Additional Resources

- Alliance for Justice's Bolder Advocacy
 - https://bolderadvocacy.org
- National Council of Nonprofits
 - https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/everyday-advocacy
- Midwest Academy Strategy Chart
 - http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/toolkit/MidwestAcademy 01.pdf
- The Aspen Institute Planning Guide
 - https://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs/aspen-planning-and-evaluation-program/tools/
- Resources for Writing Briefs, Centers for Disease Control
 - https://www.cdc.gov/policy/polaris/training/policy-resources-writing-briefs.html.