

Ashland Community Conversations

Reaching Ashland Parents One Conversation at a Time



One of the best ways you can protect your child or grandchild from using alcohol and other drugs is by talking openly and honestly with them. But where do you start? How do you know what to say? And where can you learn the facts?

At a *Community Conversation!*

**What is a
Community
Conversation
?**

A **Community Conversation** is a small gathering of friends, parents, grandparents, neighbors or others interested in learning about youth substance abuse, the effects of substances on the developing adolescent brain and proven prevention strategies.

The purpose of this gathering is to initiate a discussion regarding youth substance use and abuse. What do you find acceptable? What are the rules in your house?

All you need to do is invite the guests and offer a light snack. A trained facilitator attends the meeting to direct discussion and provides information regarding the trends of substance use/abuse among Ashland's youth.

**How can
I get
involved
?**

Host a **Community Conversation**:

Email CommunityConversations@AshlandDecisions.org to host a *Conversation* in your home or meeting location.

Learn more about **Community Conversations**:

Email Cara at ctirrell@ashlandmass.com to learn more about what happens during a *Conversation* and what participants can expect.

LET'S START THE NEXT CONVERSATION!

Ashland's Kids Have...

**Decisions at Every
Turn**

Prevent Youth Substance Use

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