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**Kendall County Looks at Underage Drinking**

The Kendall County Network Project (KCNP) is sponsoring its third annual Roundtable Discussion on Underage Drinking on September 22, 2009. The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thompson Junior High School, 440 Boulder Hill Pass, Oswego. The event is free and open to the public.

KCNP Chairman Chris Mehochko invites anyone with interest in the issues of underage drinking and youth wellness to take part in the roundtable.

“Underage drinking is a multi-faceted problem, with numerous problems associated with it—including violence, sexual assault, dropping out of school, and vehicle crashes,” Mehochko said. “We need many minds coming together to strengthen the work that Kendall County has already begun.”

The KCNP, which is made up of individuals and organizations who care about the well-being of Kendall County’s youth, plans to use the 2009 Roundtable as an opportunity to strengthen partnerships developed as a result of the 2007 and 2008 events and brainstorm new approaches to reaching youth and their parents.

KCNP membership includes the Kendall County State’s Attorney’s Office, Grundy-Kendall Regional Office of Education, Kendall County Sheriff’s Department, local law enforcement, youth, schools, social service providers, health care providers, clergy, parents, and businesses.

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