

# DAILY FORUM

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## **Program on youth alcohol abuse was well received** Thorp School Districts on March 28 and in Ellensburg on April 5

To the Editor:

I want to applaud the planners and participants of "Our Stories: Parent to Parent on Youth Alcohol Use." Presented on Jan. 25 by the Campus-Community Coalition (CCC) and Ellensburg High School, it brought awareness and education on the effects of alcohol on the family and that it not only affects the person with the alcohol problem but the whole family structure.

More than 100 people attended and the silence in the room showed how intently people were listening to the presenters. The parents who shared their stories are our neighbors and friends. The courage and strength it took for these people to share their personal stories on the devastating effects of alcohol abuse on their children and their families was educating and enlightening about how it can affect anyone, regardless of education or socio-economic status.

I would also like to recognize Kittitas County Juvenile Probation, students from Central Washington University Recreation and Tourism program, Kittitas County Alcohol/Substance Abuse Advisory Board, Ellensburg Fire Department, Alcohol Drug Dependency Service, Cascade Recovery Resource Center, and Kittitas County Public Health and Safety Network/Student Advocates for Safe Situations, who brought information on the resources available to families in relation to alcohol use.

Underage and high-risk drinking are challenging problems that are present in our communities and not getting better. I encourage those interested to attend one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings on underage drinking to get information and give your input on this problem that affects not only young people and their families, but also the whole community.

The meetings are being held in Kittitas on March 27, in Cle Elum for the Cle Elum/Roslyn, Easton and

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