



**Texans Standing Tall**

Together creating healthier  
and safer communities.

# 2010 College Regional Forums

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Entering a New Decade  
with Dedication and Resolve

### What is a College Regional Forum?

Texans Standing Tall is partnering with colleges, community coalitions, and organizations across the state to hold Regional Forums. Three College Regional Forums will be held focused on preventing underage drinking and binge drinking at institutions of higher education (IHEs) and in their surrounding communities.

Regional Forums are opportunities for communities to gain needed information and tools to effectively collaborate for change at local, regional, and state levels. College Regional Forums are one of several new events Texans Standing Tall will host in this new decade.

### Why focus on underage alcohol use?

Research provides more reasons than ever for parents, students, college professionals, and other adults to be alarmed about the effects of underage drinking on Texas college-age youth. Among Texas college students, alcohol is the primary drug of choice - nearly double the use of other substances. Alcohol is linked to poor class attendance and low academic performance, unwanted sexual activity, depression and suicide, and alcohol poisoning.

### How do I register?

**FREE** registration at [www.TexansStandingTall.org](http://www.TexansStandingTall.org). Select your preferred Forum site to receive detailed information. Participants will receive materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and snack at no charge.

### What can I expect?

Experienced professionals in alcohol prevention and community change will equip participants with tools, information, and resources to prevent and reduce underage alcohol use among college students. This College Forum will feature education and breakout groups on Controlled Party Dispersal and Screening and Motivational Interviewing techniques. High School students wanting to participate, this location is hosting a free Student Track.



### Day-at-a-Glance

**Morning:** State and local leaders speak on current college alcohol abuse trends and evidence-based prevention strategies

**Lunch:** Community building

**Afternoon:** Two-hour skill building sessions on Screening and Motivational Interviewing (SMI) and Controlled Party Dispersal (choose one)

College Regional Forums are funded in large part by the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools grants for coalitions to prevent and reduce alcohol abuse at institutions of higher education.

**June 25, Dallas**  
*North Texas Region*

Wilshire Baptist Church  
4316 Abrams Road  
Dallas, TX 75214

### Regional Partners:

- Southern Methodist University
- Christian Life Commission,  
Baptist General Convention of Texas



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Visit [www.TexansStandingTall.org](http://www.TexansStandingTall.org) for all Community Regional Forum information, location details, registration information, and agendas. **Questions? Call 512-442-7501.**