

Outline for “Alcohol Use among Teenagers in College Environments” by Megan M.

I. History of Drinking at Colleges

A. Legal drinking age is changed

1. When the legal drinking age was 18

2. The dangers of teenagers consuming alcohol and statistics of teenagers not behaving responsibly.

3. 1984 federal law changing the drinking age to 21. How the new law transformed drinking on college campuses.

B. The shifting outlooks on teenage drinking

II. Over-use of Alcohol in College Environments

A. Peer pressure causes many students to drink

1. Some students see drinking as a way to “loosen up”

2. At parties, “everyone’s doing it.”

B. Consequences of over consumption of alcohol at college parties

1. 500,000 students injured every year: the nature of the injuries

2. 70,000 case of assault or rape a year: an environment of irresponsibility.

3. 1,400 student deaths a year.

IV. What can be done to cut down on the amount of drinkin on campus?

A. Programs should be set up.

B. Alcohol education enforced

C. Strict penalties for violation of the school’s no drinking policy

V. Future Approaches and Consequences

A. Deadly consequences of drinking

B. Long-term effects of alcohol use

C. Alcohol education at an early age