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MADD to discuss the dangers of teen drinking

Groton — “Power of Parents, It’s Your Influence,” a free workshop launched by MADD, the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and sponsored by Nationwide Insurance and the GASP coalition will take place at 6 p.m. May 25 at the library.

The program is designed to help parents and caregivers of teenagers talk about the dangers of underage drinking. As part of the 30-minute program, parents will receive a handbook to equip them with the tools to help keep their teen safe.

“Parents are the number one influence in their child’s decisions about drinking,” said Michelle Hamilton, coordinator at Ledge Light Health District for the Groton Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. “The GASP Coalition recognizes that most Groton teens don’t drink alcohol, but having open conversations with your kids about the dangers of underage drinking, and setting clear rules is an important part of prevention.”

“Power of Parents” is based on a handbook developed by Robert Turrisi of Pennsylvania State University. The program will be led by a MADD program specialist.

Child care will be available for children ages four and under during the workshop. To register, contact Hamilton at (860) 448-4882 extension 305 or at: mhamilton@ledgelighthd.org.
