

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Drug Free Coalition

Position on Policies That Will Save Lives

PREVENTING UNDERAGE DRINKING

- Increase alcohol prices through taxes, particularly on beer.
- Limit alcohol advertising and promotional activities that target you people.
- Adopt laws that will prevent alcohol-related deaths and injuries among young people.

TREATING ADDICTION

- Require and enforce equal insurance coverage for drug and alcohol treatment.
- Support the development and use of effective medications for addiction treatment.
- Make screening for alcohol and drug problems a routine part of every primary care and emergency room visit.
- Give higher payments to providers who get better results.

REDUCING AND PREVENTING CRIME

- Require effective treatment and continuing, supervised aftercare programs instead of incarceration for non-violent drug and alcohol offenders.
- Repeal policies that prevent ex-offenders from returning to full participation in society.
- Support the work of community coalitions.

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