

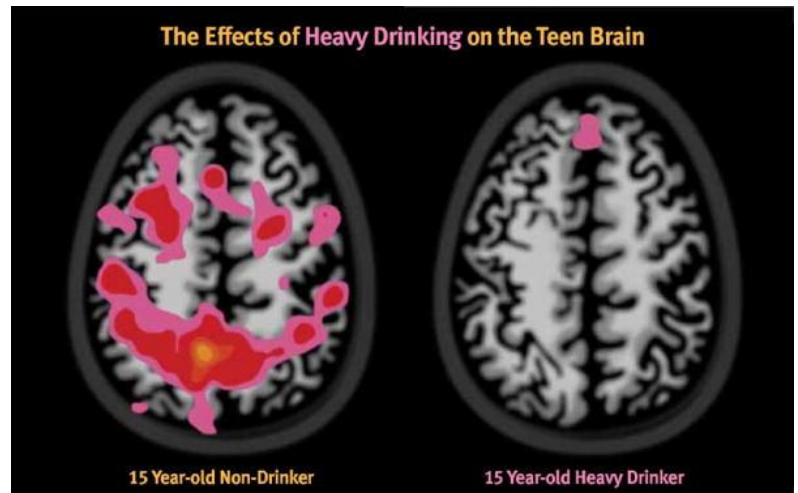


# PREVENTION IN GEORGIA Changing Minds. Saving Lives.

## Substance Abuse Prevention is Changing Minds

Voices for Prevention (V4P) along with several substance abuse prevention coalitions across the state of Georgia have been working diligently to reduce underage drinking in Georgia. There is a misconception that alcohol usage among youth is a rite of passage. We are *changing minds* about this issue because the truth is, alcohol has the following effects on teens that drink:

- Reduction in cognitive function (memory, development of new brain cells, etc.)
- Impaired decision making
- Increased chances of engaging in risky behaviors
- Reduction in the brain's white matter (responsible for communication between cells).



*Functional MRI scans of two teens while they took a working memory test. The images show that the heavy drinker isn't using those brain areas normally used to complete a memory test, while the non-drinker is. Researchers suggest that in school, heavy drinkers may not be activating those regions of the brain required to remember a lesson.*

## Substance Abuse Prevention is Saving Lives through Social Host Liability



Join V4P to *prevent youth access to alcohol* in Georgia!

### What is Social Host Liability?

An ordinance that provides penalties for adults who allow youth to consume alcohol in their home or on property they own, lease or otherwise control. **Georgia student health data shows that our teens are reporting access to alcohol at home or a friend's house!**

### Contiguous States with Social Host Laws

- Tennessee
- Alabama
- Florida
- South Carolina

### What will Georgia do?

For more information visit: [www.v4pga.org](http://www.v4pga.org)