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ACC Raises Awareness for Underage Drinking

Detroit, MI - March 10, 2010 The [Arab American and Chaldean Council's \(ACC\)](#) SEMCA Substance Abuse Prevention Program, in partnership with [Global Education Excellence \(GEE\)](#) and Students Against Alcohol Drugs And Violence (SAADV), will host a Hamtramck Community Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking at 12:30pm on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Bridge Academy, 9600 Buffalo Street, Hamtramck. This event is part of a national effort to increase understanding and awareness of underage drinking and its consequences, and to encourage individuals, families, and communities to address the problem.

Underage drinking continues to be a leading health problem in the United States. Alcohol use threatens the safe and healthy development of more young people than any other substance-even more than tobacco and illicit drugs! On an average day in 2006, 7,970 teens drank alcohol for the first time, a much higher number than those who began smoking or trying illicit drugs. Alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age.

Town Hall Meetings are designed to alert and empower the community. We hope to give our local community the opportunity to come together to learn more about the new research on underage drinking and its impact on both individuals and the community, and to discuss how their community can implement the recommendations.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Gus Shihab at (313) 369-3102

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- Build cooperation and understanding
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- Deliver human services, counseling and opportunities
- Gear community members towards achievement
- Empower through employment training and placement

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