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RENZ ADDICTION COUNSELING CENTER ADDRESSES UNDERAGE DRINKING IN KANE COUNTY

April, 2007-- Unfortunately, we are all painfully aware of the tragedies that can occur when teens drink. To help inform parents, educators, and legislators on the dangers of teen drinking and how to avoid them, Renz Addiction Counseling Center is co-sponsoring a forum entitled, "Underage Drinking: A Community Concern" Thursday, April 12, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Charles North High School on Red Gate Road. Topics to be discussed include:

- *The status of underage drinking and prevention strategies*
- *Legislative initiatives to ban the marketing of 'alcopops' to underage youth*
- *Testimonials*
- *Meeting Kane County's needs for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services*

Underage drinking is a factor in numerous personal devastations and loss of life in Kane County not to mention the consequences to our schools, legal system, healthcare, and insurance premiums. The forum aims to begin the process of preventing these tragedies. Join Renz Center and other concerned Fox Valley residents as we listen to what teens are saying and what individuals, government and community organizations can do to make a difference. Social workers who attend the forum will be awarded with 1.5 continuing education credit hours from Provena Mercy Center.

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Renz Addiction Counseling Center provides a variety of prevention, early intervention and treatment programs for alcohol, drug and gambling addictions and related disorders. Renz Center serves residents of central/northern Kane and western Cook Counties with offices in St. Charles, Streamwood and Elgin. Renz Center is a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization and is funded by The Federal Government, The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, The United Way, Hanover Township and St. Charles 708 boards. For more information please contact Deb Howe at 847-742-3545 x236 or visit www.renzcenter.com.

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