



• AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO LEARN AND IMPROVE •

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Second Chance program** utilizes the **developmental strategies** of the PA Underage Alcohol & Other Drug Education Program, developed by the PA DUI Association.

The mission of Second Chance is to promote the **well-being of youth that are at-risk** by educating young offenders about the risks and consequences of alcohol and other drug use. The program is designed to **help strengthen decision making, communication and coping skills**.

The Second Chance Program consists of **two, 3-hour educational sessions** for youth and young adults under the age of 21 who have been referred for underage drinking, fake identification, or other alcohol- or drug-related offenses. The program helps participants understand **substance-use risks and supports healthier decision-making**.

There are three referral pathways into the program:

- Children & Youth Services
- Juvenile Probation
- Magisterial District Courts, when a youth is cited for an alcohol- or drug-related violation

Regardless of the referral source, the program provides education, guidance, and support aimed at helping young people make safer choices moving forward.

The Second Chance program is for individuals who have violated underage drinking laws for the first time.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Individual is referred to the Second Chance program.



Attendee registers for Second Chance.



Attendee contacts Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission to schedule an assessment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide students with information about **the effects alcohol and other drugs have** on health and driving ability.
- Provide students with accurate information about **PA laws** that relate to alcohol and other drugs.
- Encourage students to explore **obstacles and benefits** to changing high risk behavior.
- Help students **strengthen decision-making and communication skills**.
- Educate students on the **financial and personal consequences** of high risk behavior.