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**News Release: Responsible Beverage Server Training Offered To Alcohol Retailers**

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) and the Area Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (ASAP) are announcing that Responsible Beverage Server Training (RBST) will be held at six locations throughout the area served by NCDHD. **There is no cost for the training**, however **pre-registration is required**.

RBST is a training to help alcohol servers create an environment that promotes safety and responsibility where alcohol is sold, served or consumed. The training enhances the skills that service people need to avoid difficult situations and gives them the tools to avoid over-serving the intoxicated, serving to the underage person or selling to someone that is buying for the underage. The training stresses the importance of checking the age ID of anyone that appears to be under the age of 30 years and how to detect fake IDs. Program participants are trained by certified instructors to detect the signs of intoxication and gain the confidence needed to intervene effectively to prevent alcohol-related problems.

TIPS (Training for Prevention Procedures Program) is a curriculum for Responsible Beverage Server Training. Plan to attend if you own or work at an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages. The training for "On premise sales" is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the "Off premise sales" training scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Retailers may register for one or both of the trainings.

Atkinson Public Library - Atkinson, NE	April 4, 2017
Ainsworth Public Library - Ainsworth, NE	April 6, 2017
Argo Hotel - Crofton, NE	April 17, 2017
Elgin Public Library - Elgin, NE	April 20, 2017
Valentine Public Library - Valentine, NE	April 25, 2017
Verdigre Public Library - Verdigre, NE	April 27, 2017

You may attend a training at any location.

By providing TIPS training to owner/managers of alcohol retail businesses and their staff, the ASAP Coalition and NCDHD are addressing the issues of underage drinking and drinking and driving across the lifespan. Funding from Region 4 Behavioral Health and the Drug-Free Communities grant 1H79SP020880-01 have made these trainings possible. For more information about an upcoming training in your area, call North Central District Health Department at 402-336-2406 or toll-free 1-877-336-2406.