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Tip Line: 363-TIPS

A new **tip line** allows people to **call** or **text** information about parties or situations where there may be underage drinking in Chittenden County. The number to call or text is **363-TIPS**. If no one answers, callers should leave a message. A law enforcement officer will be monitoring the line regularly. The goal of this new phone line is to give people a safe, anonymous way to show they care for their community/friends/teenagers by helping to prevent problems related to underage drinking before they start. Please call or text **363-TIPS** with further questions.

Upcoming PACT Events

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, Burlington High School:
(Time TBA) *Two Million Minutes*: As the first step in a Teen-Led Summit responding to *Race to Nowhere*, one of our community partners Burlington High School will host a second documentary --*Two Million Minutes*-- which offers a different perspective on youth education. For more information on the film, please go to <http://www.2mminutes.com/about.asp>.

Thursday, March 31, 2011, 5:30-7:00 p.m., South Burlington High School, Teen-Led PACT Potluck:
FREE Dinner will be provided! Please bring a dessert to share, if you can. **Everybody needs to eat dinner!** SBHS Senior and PACTeen Board member Bianca Rizzio will host the event with her peers.

We hope to see you there!



Dialogue Night 2011

Dialogue Night 2011: *Race to Nowhere* Ideas to Consider

As we each consider mindful next steps for Dialogue Night 2011, held February 15, 2011, here are questions to consider that came out of small groups:

- How might we re-train ourselves -- teens, children, and adults -- to speak and view things differently?
- How might we engage a wider, more diverse group of youth and adults? Do those from different demographics have different opinions/feelings?
- How might parents look at and address the stress they are putting on their children? How might teens and children look at and address the stress they are putting on themselves and their peers?
- How might educators consider limiting homework: what amount helps with retention and learning vs. what is busy work?
- How might schools have homework-free weekend(s)? Vacations?
- Should schools limit the number of AP courses students can take?
- Would colleges want/accept SB students if SBHS limited (or eliminated) AP classes?

We continue to be inspired by the courage of our teens and children in speaking their truths and for all who took time from their busy lives to gather and listen and learn from one another.