

First District Health Unit (FDHU)

2023-2026 SUPTRS Strategic Plan

FDHU has identified underage drinking being a problem in our community. According to the National Anti-Drug Campaign up to 32.3% of youth are reporting they have and use fake IDs to purchase alcohol.

Currently 2 of 25 local establishments are utilizing forensic scanners to help eliminate human error when detecting fake ID's.

FDHU has committed to help reduce access to underage people in our local community by the following:

1. Hosting Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) Trainings for local establishment staff. This will include yearly scheduled training offered at FDHU and the flexibility to train on site upon availability and request by establishments. Responsible Beverage Server (RBS) training has been proven to help educate liquor establishment staff and retail liquor staff on ways to detect fake ID's. RBS training also teaches state laws such as *5-01-06 Recovery of damages resulting from intoxication* and local laws and ordinances. The City of Minot's alcohol ordinance does not require license holders and staff to take RBS training. The City of Minot has reported that an alcohol ordinance committee will begin reviewing and revising aspects of their ordinance. FDHU will be working with the committee, providing data and best practice information for each step of the process. FDHU's goal is to have the committee adopt a mandatory RBS training within the alcohol ordinance for licensees, managers, and employees. FDHU will track establishments represented at RBS training courses and numbers of individuals trained.
2. Promoting state issued forensic scanners. FDHU will continue promoting forensic scanners to local establishments. By utilizing forensic scanners not only does this help prevent underage drinking, but it also deters young people under the age of 21 attempting to access alcohol from the establishment. Upon the agreement between an establishment owner and FDHU, FDHU will do the following:
 - Educate and train staff on the multiple forensic checks this includes, checks of holograms, microprinting, ultraviolet and infrared images, and other ID-specific security features.
 - FDHU will emphasize the procedures after capturing a fake ID. Turning the fake ID over to local law enforcement upon confiscating. An incentive program remains in place for individual servers who confiscate fake ID's, however, cannot be redeemed unless proper procedures are followed.
 - FDHU will track number of establishments utilizing forensic scanners and data retrieved to include numbers of IDs scanned and numbers of fake IDs captured.

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3. FDHU will work with local law enforcement and policy makers to enforce Responsible Beverage Server training. The City of Minot's current alcohol ordinance does not support mandatory RBS training for establishments or their employees. FDHU will inform the alcohol committee of the following:
 - Current North Dakota cities and their ordinances reflecting required RBS trainings.
 - Share data from the past three years, informing the committee of the number of local establishments and number of their employees who have been trained in RBS.
 - FDHU Staff will continue to attend the bi-monthly meetings, ready to submit any additional information to the committee as topics are discussed.
4. FDHU will partner with Minot State University for local data regarding alcohol usage by underage individuals.
 - Increased local data will provide additional information on local conditions in FDHU's region.