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### College Drinking Problems, A Possible Solution

Many colleges around the nation fight to curb the drinking problem on their campuses. Virginian Tech has gained national recognition for a program it's developed to try and solve that problem.

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It's called Party Positive.

Unlike other programs, it doesn't preach the "just say no" method.

Instead, it encourages students that choose to drink to do it in a responsible way.

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One of the reasons you don't focus on an abstinence type program is that it doesn't work. Students are already drinking when they get to college, about 70-percent.

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The emphasis is having a positive social experience and if you do choose to consume, how to make sure you don't have or to eliminate negative outcomes.

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Faculty and staff are also highly encouraged to get involved to look for warning signs of an alcohol problem in students.

Drinking is still off limits on Virginia Tech's campus.

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