

## DID YOU KNOW?

### SOCIAL HOST LAW (CODY LAW)

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR SIGNS "CODY LAW"  
CODY'S LAW "IN A NUTSHELL"  
EFFECTIVE 1 NOV 11

- Governor Mary Fallin signed HB1211, which provides stronger penalties for hosts who knowingly allow underage drinking in their homes or on their land
- Guilty if you willingly and knowingly allow person under 21 to possess or consume alcohol and/or other drugs on your property
- Punishment is graduated for 1st, 2nd and 3rd offense
- Persons under age 21 may be found guilty
- Cities may enact local ordinances but they may not be more strict than state law

### ALCOHOL IS THE LEADING DRUG PROBLEM AMONG YOUTH

- There are approximately 10.7 million underage drinkers in the United States
- In 2008, 3.8 million youth under age 21 drank alcohol for the first time
- Nearly 6.6 million (17.4%) underage drinkers are considered binge drinkers and more than 2.1 million (5.5%) are classified as heavy drinkers.

*National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008 & 2009*



### Legal Issues

- Fines for violating OK HB1211
- Any person who is convicted of a violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and be punished by a fine of not more than \$500
  - After the third offense the person will be charged with a felony, punished by a fine of not more than \$2,500 or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than 5 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment

### HISTORY OF SOCIAL HOST IN OKLAHOMA

September 18, 2004, 16 y/o Cody Greenhaw asked to spend the night with a friend that was celebrating his 17th birthday. Cody's family was unaware alcohol would be present. The next morning, Cody was declared dead from an accidental alcohol and drug overdose

