



WYOMING GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE  
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Dear Parent:

Dave and I are convinced that Wyoming can no longer ignore or tolerate childhood drinking.

New research is available that tells us the earlier a child begins to drink, the greater his or her chances of becoming alcohol dependent. We also know that children who abuse alcohol have impaired learning, memory and problem solving abilities. Alcohol use is associated with increased suicides, attempted suicides, violent behavior, crime and risky sexual activity.

The most startling fact of all is that early alcohol use kills or injures more young people than all illegal drugs combined.

These facts represent a call to action for Wyoming. The health and safety of our children demands that we act. I have pledged to do my part by forming the Wyoming First Lady's Initiative (WFLI). On the WFLI web site at [www.wfli.org](http://www.wfli.org) you will find materials, research information and examples of what other parents are doing across the state.

What can you do? You can take the same pledge and work with me and others who are dedicated to making a difference. The pledge is simple:

**"I will educate myself, I will take action, I will be the change I want to see."**

The materials in this packet are excellent examples of what is needed. Remember, each of us can take some action, in our homes or our communities, to reduce childhood drinking. Collectively, we can do it.

Thank you so much for joining me in this effort!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Freudenthal".

Nancy Freudenthal