

## **Tips to offer parents who are planning a party**

- Discuss the guest list and any concerns your child may have.
- Limit the number of invitees and the number who actually attend.
- Know the ages of partygoers and how they know your child.
- Make it clear to guests that alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs are not allowed
- Have sufficient chaperones to monitor the area and partygoers.
- Define an area for the party; do not allow partygoers in other areas (e.g., bedrooms, garage, etc.).
- Frequently monitor the party area as well as areas that are off-limits to guests.
- Restrict entry and exit areas to deter guests from bringing in contraband.
- Establish a signal that your child may use if he or she needs help.
- Set a beginning and end time to the party.
- Will the guests include both underage people and adults? Will their party areas be separate?
- Put valuables, weapons, alcohol, and breakable objects in a secure area.
- Establish an area for coats and bags and monitor the area.
- Be prepared to call a guest's parents if they appear to be under the influence or bring alcohol or drugs to the party.

covered a local site called "Students for Underage Drinking." This site advertised weekend party houses for several high schools that had previously been unknown to police.

### **Safe Party Campaign**

Teens and adults alike enjoy parties and the goal of law enforcement is not to eliminate parties. The goal is to discourage underage drink-