

Promoting Safety In High Alcohol Outlet Density Areas By Building Bridges



Why Density Matters?:

- Significant research shows correlation between outlet density, violence, DUI, underage drinking and nuisance issues.
- The WHO, EU and CDC recommend limiting density as a best practice strategy for public health.
- The CDC published an overview of 40+ studies, all show increased outlet density result in increased consumption and related problems.
- In Oregon: low cost licenses and limited enforcement resources





Policy Challenges in OR

- OLCC lack of clarity around saturation in rules
- Powerful alcohol lobby
- Resistance to regulation





Portland:

"Old Town/Chinatown"

- High concentration of bars and high capacity nightclubs
- Economically depressed neighborhood
- History of crime, difficulty attracting foot traffic during day hours.



Neighbors

Retailers/Business

Successful Collaboration

- Process of assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation and evaluation!
- Engage non-traditional partners, "we are all in this together"
- We do work!
- We make adjustments and to talk to stakeholders about concerns and unintended consequences

What are we doing?



Policy Work



- Education requirements
 - Business license
 strategies: Time,
 Place, Manner and
 Late Night Activity
 Permit
- Multijurisdictional Events Office

Education/Support



- Portland Bar Academy
- Signage in the district
- Identifying infrastructure needs

Changing Norms



- Messaging
- Promoting the district: more people for more reasons



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