## APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

"Give Children a Chance - End Underage Drinking"

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Alcohol Awareness Month – a national public awareness campaign - encourages local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues, with a primary emphasis on underage drinking and the devastating effects it can have on youth. The theme is "Give Children a Chance – End Underage Drinking."

Alcohol Awareness Month 2003 is sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence with the Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free as the Honorary Chair. The Leadership is a unique coalition of more than 30 Governors' spouses, federal agencies and public and private groups dedicated to preventing the use of alcohol by children ages 9 to 15. As part of the month-long observance, substance abuse organizations across the country are encouraged to hold events in their local communities.

For more information about Alcohol Awareness Month, <u>www.ncadd.org</u> or <u>www.alcoholfreechildren.org</u>