



The CTL program helps judges reach out to their communities while students learn the lessons of underage drinking and driving.

Judges are leaders of their communities. They have the education, resources, and skills to solve many of the problems they ultimately adjudicate by getting involved in judicial outreach activities.

Many of our nation's traffic court judges who adjudicate alcohol-related cases report that the individuals who appear before them are getting younger every year. These judges are also in a unique position to see the devastating and often fatal consequences associated with underage drinking and driving.

The Courage To Live program provides a vehicle for interested judges to get involved in prevention education in their local schools. The program also provides our nation's judges with the teaching tools, resources, and the information they need to deliver a strong prevention message to our nation's youth. It is critical that young people are aware of the fact that the choice they make regarding underage drinking and driving could be a life or death decision.



The *Courage To Live* program received national recognition for its efforts when it was awarded the National Commission Against Drunk Driving's National Adjudication Award. The National Commission Against Drunk Driving created its National Awards program to foster a nationwide exchange of innovative program ideas and effective techniques to fight the war against drunk driving.

"When judges step down from their benches and step into their communities, they increase public trust and confidence in their local courts and the entire judicial system. The National Judicial College looks forward to working with other traffic safety professionals and state judicial educators to make a difference."

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An Award-Winning
Judicial Outreach Program
to Combat Underage
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Three Steps To Safer Communities



1. THINK

THINK ABOUT THE LIVES YOU CAN SAVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Alcohol-related traffic crashes still remain a leading cause of death for our nation's youth. The alcohol involvement fatal crash rate for young drivers is about twice that of drivers over the age of 21.

2. PLAN

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PLAN UTILIZING THE COURAGE TO LIVE CURRICULUM

In response to this disturbing epidemic, The National Judicial College, with funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP), developed the *Courage to Live* program. This innovative program is designed to address the seriousness of underage drinking and driving through community education and judicial outreach. The program's key goals are to help students devise action plans that they can use in their own schools to combat drinking and driving.

The *Courage to Live* program is a curriculum developed by The National Judicial College that brings judges to schools to educate students about the serious consequences of underage drinking and driving. Part of the program involves judges conducting live DUI hearings in the classroom.

The *Courage to Live* pilot program was launched on September 7, 2000 in Reno, Nevada.

The participating students from Washoe County, Nevada returned to their schools and implemented their own drinking and driving prevention programs to teach other students about the dangers of drinking and driving. Due to the success of the pilot program, The National Judicial College, with funding from NHTSA and OJJDP, took the *Courage to Live* program to a national level.

In October 2001, representatives from Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas attended the first national *Courage to Live* conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Judges, representatives from Georgia's Highway Safety office, the Georgia State Department of Education and other school officials participated in facilitating the first national *Courage to Live* program.

A second component of the *Courage to Live* program involved a three-day faculty development workshop which was conducted at The National Judicial College in November, 2001. The participants learned how to replicate the *Courage to Live* program within their own communities.

3. ACT

GET STARTED ON YOUR OWN COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM BY CONTACTING US TODAY

For more information on how you can start a program in your community and help save lives – contact us at: The National Judicial College, Courage To Live, Mail Stop 358, Reno, Nevada, 89557. Call **800-25-JUDGE (800-255-8343)** or **(775) 784-6747**. Website: www.judges.org

Further information may also be obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at **(202) 366-9765**.

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