

ALCOHOL ACROSS GENERATIONS

Clemens Mills Library
50 Saginaw Parkway, Cambridge
October 27, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Successful Alcoholics (U.S.A., 2009, 25 min)

Drake and Lindsay are successful alcoholics who may need to rethink their definition of "success."

Alanna (Canada, 2008, 26 min)

The little girl with the big dark eyes is Alanna. Taken in by a loving family at the age of eight weeks, she grew up in the majestic wilderness of the Yukon mountains. Because her mother drank heavily during pregnancy, Alanna's development was seriously compromised. She has fetal alcohol syndrome. She will never be like other kids.

Tackling the subject with sensitivity, Julie Plourde's documentary speaks to the heart. *Alanna* is a wake-up call about a tragedy that's greatly underestimated by the public but of growing concern to health professionals around the world.

Trust (Canada)

Over 64% of grade nine students in Northwestern Ontario report drinking (NWOSDUS, 2005). Youth who drink at an early age face consequences such as alcohol poisoning, injury, car collisions, or violence.

Grade 12 students from Hillcrest High School in Thunder Bay, Ontario have created a six minute DVD for parents that promotes open, early conversation about alcohol. Real teens talk about their experiences with drinking and share their views on the value of supportive adults in making informed decisions about alcohol use.

This video will help parents of youth entering high school learn to "trust" one another through open and honest discussions.

Key Links:

http://www.nfb.ca/film/alanna_bande_annonce