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AYP offering TIPS training

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KINGMAN - With pending changes to liquor law training in Arizona, the Arizona Youth Partnership is offering Training for Intervention Procedures in Kingman.

Off-premise TIPS certification will occur on Tuesday, and on-premise will be on Dec. 17 at the AYP Colorado River Regional Office, 4255 N. Stockton Hill Road, Suite 3.

The off-premise certification process will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a separate session from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The on-premise certification process will be from 1 to 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 17.

Both off- and on-premise TIPS sessions cost \$16, which is a decrease from the industry standard \$30. The discounted price is being offered for a limited number of seats, said Tammany K. McDaniel, AYP Colorado River Regional director. Only money orders made out to the Arizona Youth Partnership or cash will be accepted as payment.

Class size is limited; those who have not signed up in advance could be turned away. To register or for more information, contact McDaniel at (928) 692-5889 or tammany@azyp.org.

TIPS is a skills-based training program designed to prevent intoxication, drunken driving and underage drinking by training servers, sellers and consumers of alcohol. TIPS sessions can be administered through a certified TIPS trainer or through e-TIPS, an online training program.

At the end the session, participants complete a multiple-choice exam. Participants who pass the exam receive a certification card, valid for three years in most areas.

The Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control is now developing new standards for liquor law training for Arizona, said Jerry A. Oliver Sr., director of the DLLC.

"Sometime in 2009, these new standards will be finalized and implemented throughout the state," Oliver said in a news release. "Until that time, training requirements have not changed and will remain as they are currently written in Title 4."

Title 4 of the Arizona Revised Statutes covers alcoholic beverages from general provisions to regulations and prohibitions to civil liability.

Once the new standards are finalized, all new liquor law training requirements and compliance deadlines will be posted on the DLLC Web site at www.azliquor.gov and in most Arizona liquor industry publications and newsletters.