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**Working Partners® teams up with the  
U.S. Department of Labor the  
Ohio Governor's Office and the  
Leadership Foundation for  
2009 Drug-Free Work Week, October 19 - 25!**

**COLUMBUS** – *Working Partners®* of Columbus, Ohio, a private consulting and training firm that helps employers develop and/or maintain drug-free workplaces, kicks off the annual Drug-Free Work Week observance with a national webinar. Hosted by the Ohio Governor's Office, the webinar will announce the release of a NEW toolkit highlighting the benefits of drug-free workplace programs for workers, employers, families and communities as well.

The *WORKING to Prevent Underage Drinking: Workplace is the Key!* webinar will equip community and government leaders across the nation with tools to advocate for state programs that encourage employers to implement drug-free workplace programs. These serve as a natural venue through which parents and other caring adults can receive critically needed education. Engaging parents to reduce and prevent underage drinking has been declared one of the goals in the Call to Action by our U.S. Surgeon General.

The toolkit was a collaborative effort between the Leadership To Keep Children Alcohol Free Foundation, the U.S. Department of Labor and, our own, *Working Partners®*. The webinar *WORKING to Prevent Underage Drinking: Workplace is the Key!* will demonstrate how the toolkit can be used to increase widespread adoption of drug-free workplace programs and preview its free employee education modules aimed at parents to prevent underage drinking.

The webinar will feature Leadership Foundation member, First Lady Frances Strickland; Elena Carr of the Department of Labor; Dee Mason and Jim Ryan of *Working Partners®*; and Hope Taft, President of the Leadership Foundation.

For more information, call *Working Partners®* at 614.337.8200 or 866.354.3397.