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“Don’t wait for a light to appear at the end of the tunnel, stride down there and light it yourself.”

-Sara Henderson

Drugs, Alcohol and HIV/AIDS: A Consumer Guide

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment recently released English- and Spanish-language versions of a new brochure, *Drugs, Alcohol and HIV/AIDS: A Consumer Guide*. The brochure is for substance abuse treatment program clients who may be involved in risky behaviors associated with HIV/AIDS. The information in the brochure is based on Treatment Improvement Protocol 37, Substance Abuse Treatment for Persons with HIV/AIDS.

In addition, helpful phone numbers and Web links are listed on the back cover of the brochure, along with a reference to SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator
www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov.

To order FREE copies of *Drugs, Alcohol and HIV/AIDS* and *Drogas, Alcohol y el VIH/SIDA*, contact SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI). Ask for publication order number PHD1126 (English) or PHD1134 (Spanish).
Phone: 800-729-6686.
Web: www.ncadi.samhsa.gov

News!

Florida’s Safe Schools Week

Governor Jeb Bush has proclaimed October 15-21, 2006 as Safe Schools Week. Florida’s Safe Schools Week promotes efforts to provide schools with positive and safe climates. The proclamation encourages leaders to work together to focus public attention on school safety, identifying, developing and promoting innovative answers to these critical issues.

Parental Consequences Significantly Deter Dangerous Driving Behaviors in Teens

One in five teens are still drinking and driving, and one in nearly eight teens are still using marijuana and driving. That’s according to the seventh annual Teens Today driving study just released by Liberty Mutual and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). But parents who set clear consequences – and follow through on them – significantly reduce the likelihood that their teen will engage in these and other unsafe behaviors behind the wheel.

The research study also reports on teens’ behaviors, attitudes and decision-making about such issues as driving, drinking, drug use, sexual activity and family/peer relationships.

To read the full report and tips for parents, go to
<http://www.libertymutual.com/omapps/ContentServer?cid=1003349317278&prid=1138338621108&pagename=CorporateInternet%2FPage%2FPressReleaseDarkBlue&c=Page>

Liberty Mutual provides a practical tool for families to safely manage the formative teen driving process: “The Road Ahead: Stay Safe at the Wheel.” This kit, developed in cooperation with SADD and RADD – “The Entertainment Industry’s Voice for Road Safety” – and free to all families, includes a powerful video of teens discussing their driving attitudes and behaviors before and after viewing the HBO Family documentary, “Smashed: Toxic Tales of Teens and Alcohol.” The kit also includes a guide with tips on how to foster a discussion with teens about staying safe at the wheel and a family safe driving pledge. A free copy of “The Road Ahead” is available by calling 1-800-4-LIBERTY or any local Liberty Mutual office.

ONLINE CURRICULUM

The Brain: Understanding Neurobiology through the Study of Addiction

This curriculum is a creative, inquiry-based instruction program, designed to promote active learning and stimulate student interest in medical topics. This curriculum supplement is designed to help students develop the following major goals associated with scientific literacy:

- to understand some basic fundamentals about neurobiology and how drugs of abuse change the brain;
- to recognize that drug addiction is a treatable, chronic brain disease;
- to experience the process of scientific inquiry and develop an enhanced understanding of the nature and methods of science; and
- to appreciate the role of science in society and the relationship between basic science and human health.

This supplement can be accessed by visiting: <http://science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nih2/addiction/default.htm>. The entire teacher's module and lesson plans are available for download in PDF.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Strengthening Families through Education: A Symposium For Faith-Based & Community Organizations

October 14, 2006

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

UCF Teaching Academy, University of Central Florida, Orlando

This is an opportunity to learn about programs and grants that are positively changing the lives of families, youth and children. Topics include: Empowering Families through Literacy, Strengthening Families with Relationship Skills Education, Re-Educating Families for a Grade "A" Workforce, Grant Writing for Grassroots Organizations, and many more.

Registration is free, but you must register to attend. To register call, 407.823.1748 or complete the attached registration form.

HOT PLACE!

Tackling Meth Community Tool Kit:

<http://www.orpartnership.org/web/tacklingmeth.asp>

COOL SPOT!

Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS):

An online resource that provides detailed information on a wide variety of alcohol-related policies at the State and Federal levels

<http://www.alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov/>

Calendar of Events

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mothers Against Meth-September 8, Bartow, FL
 4th Annual 5K "Walk for Life"-September 16, Palmetto, FL
 2006 Statewide Prevention Conference-September 20-22, Orlando, FL
 2006 Family Day-September 25, Tallahassee, FL
 Zero Exposure-September 28, Orlando, FL

October

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Strengthening Families-October 14-Orlando, FL
 Zero Exposure-October 19, Miami, FL
 Zero Exposure-October 20, Miami, FL
 Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition-Cocaine Forum-October 25, Palm Beach County
 Zero Exposure-October 27, Sarasota, FL
 National Marijuana Initiative- October 31-November 1, San Diego, CA

November

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National Marijuana Initiative- October 31-November 1, San Diego, CA

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2006 Florida Suicide Prevention Symposium-December 5-6, Clearwater, FL

For additional information call Joan Helms at the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association at 850-878-2196 or email: flsapac@fadaa.org.