YOUTH SOLVENT PREVENTION IN CANADA POSTER CONTEST 2005 WINNERS

Co-sponsored by the Youth Solvent Addiction Committee & the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse



Objective:

In an effort to raise awareness about solvent abuse, CCSA and YSAC co-sponsored a poster contest directed at Canadian children or youth. Participants were invited to submit a prevention poster design focusing on key themes such as the harms of solvent use and how to say no to solvent use. Winners were announced on March 15, 2005 at the International Forum on Youth Solvent Addiction Treatment and Prevention.

Themes:

- the harms of solvent use
- how to say no to solvent use
- believing in yourself
- overcoming challenges in life

Age categories:

Entries were judged in three age categories: nine years and under, 10-13 years, and 14-17 years

Winning entries:

Winner: nine and under category, SJ from Saskatchewan (8 years old).

Winner: 10-13 year-old category, NN from Ontario (13 years old).

Winner: 14-17 year-old category, CB from Ontario (15 year old).

The inhalation or sniffing of solvents/volatile substances can cause long term and even fatal danger to the body, in particular the liver, kidneys, lungs, brain and heart. For more information, go to: <u>http://www.members.shaw.ca/ysac/</u>

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