



POLICE ASSISTING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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P.A.C.E., a drug education resource package for grades 5 through 9 is designed to enhance the image of the police force within the community. The intent of the program is to supplement class activity. It is not intended to take the place of other classroom lessons which focus on drug prevention.

P.A.C.E. provides a comprehensive training program for police officers designated to provide class presentations on drug education topics, as well as complete lesson plans designed to complement existing school curricula. There are twenty lesson plans, grouped around four topics: **Legal Information, You and the Group, Myths and Reality, and Alternatives (to Drug Use)**. Within each topic there are five lesson plans to be selected during negotiations between the teacher and police officer.

The lesson plans have been structured to encourage students to use decision-making and problem-solving skills. There is only limited factual information about drugs since it is assumed that students will receive this kind of information in other classes. Through a series of scenarios, question-and-answer sessions and other class activities, officers will provide opportunities for students to consider problems associated with drug use, their attitudes toward their intended use or non-use of drugs, and the effect of peer influence on their decisions regarding use or non-use of drugs. The fourth topic, **Alternatives**, offers students an opportunity to think about alternative activities to involvement with

drugs. This topic is also useful for presentations with community youth groups.

THE LESSON PLANS

Topic I: Legal Information

- Grade 5: The Concept of the Law
- Grade 6: Law for Safety Sake
- Grade 7: Law and Society
- Grade 8: Drugs and the Law
- Grade 9: Driving with the Impaired

Topic II: You and the Group

- Grade 5: You and the Family
- Grade 6: Friends and Your Future
- Grade 7: Be Your Own Best Friend
- Grade 8: Understanding Peer Groups
- Grade 9: Be Your Best Self

Topic III: Myths and Reality

- Grade 5: Regulations Governing Smoking
- Grade 6: Choices and Decisions
- Grade 7: Drugs Other Than Alcohol
- Grade 8: Restrictions in Alcohol Advertising
- Grade 9: Chemical Dependency in the Family

Topic IV: Alternatives

- Grade 5: Your Family
- Grade 6: You and Your Friends (Fun Without Drugs)
- Grade 7: You
- Grade 8: Group Alternatives
- Grade 9: Drug Free Celebrations