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Monthly Focus – SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The abuse of substances by anyone is a serious and dangerous situation, but abuse by young people is most disturbing. The naivety and lack of fear among youth coupled with illegal or other harmful materials is a deadly combination. In many instances violent incidents accompany substance abuse, therefore making it another relevant topic to be addressed by SAVE chapters. It is important to educate children on the dangers and consequences of substance abuse at as early an age as possible. We strongly encourage SAVE chapters to address issues of alcohol and substance abuse especially during this stressful time of year when students are involved with end of year activities from exams to proms and parties. Set the stage for a safe summer free from violence and substance abuse. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/may.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

SAVE Question of the Month – May

Please share the SAVE Question of the month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country!

The May Question of the Month: “How can the internet be used to help prevent substance abuse among youth?” Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out:

<http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Upcoming Events: Looking for a great summer conference? Visit a list of upcoming events at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

National SAVE Searches for a Few OUTSTANDING SAVE Members!

National SAVE is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. This prestigious board, made up of high schoolers from across the country, provides important student leadership, guidance and ideas for the national organization. If you have a student that would be an outstanding addition to our board, please have them complete an application form and submit it to National SAVE by **May 15, 2008**.

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

Scholarships Available for National Center for Victims of Crime’s 2008 National Conference

Law Enforcement Scholarships available for law enforcement personnel who have been in the field at least one year to attend the National Center for Victims of Crime’s 2008 National Conference. Please share this exciting opportunity with your local law enforcement colleagues! You can download the application form at www.ncvc.org/education, and click on the 2008 National Conference. Applications will be accepted until **May 20, 2008**. The scholarships are provided through the sponsorship of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The goal of the program is to make participation in the National Conference available to law enforcement personnel. Scholarship funds will cover the cost of conference registration (\$400 value) which

includes continental breakfasts, one lunch, daily refreshments, and program materials. Individuals are responsible for any additional costs (e.g., travel, parking, and lodging).

Children Who Bully Also Have Problems in Other Relationships

According to a new study from York University and Queen's University, bullying can indicate problems in relationships beyond those between a child and his or her peers. "Bullying is a relationship problem. Children who bully are using power and aggression to control others," says the study's lead author Debra Pepler, a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at York University and senior associate scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children. "We need to look at their relationships with their parents and with friends who may also bully." The study found that bullies tend to have problems in their relationships with friends and parents, and that the problems need to be addressed early to prevent children from bullying throughout their.

<http://www.yorku.ca/mediar/archive/Release.asp?Release=1400>

Inhalants Most Common Drug Choice for Young Adolescents

"Inhalants are everywhere in the house and garage, and parents often do not realize that the glue and paint are not being used for crafts or science projects." That's according to H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). A new SAMHSA report finds that many adolescents as young as 12 are already using drugs. Inhalants are the most popular among this age group, and may lead to other illicit substance use later on, said Clark. "Inhalants are a health hazard that can damage the brain, heart, liver or kidneys. Children may think of inhalants as fun, but adults need to know they cause severe damage and even death."

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/inhalants/press.htm>

Beware of New Drug Known as 'Strawberry Quick'

There is a type of crystal meth going around that looks like strawberry pop rocks. It also smells like strawberry and it is being handed out to kids in school yards. They are calling it strawberry meth or strawberry quick. Kids are ingesting this thinking that it is candy and being rushed off to the hospital in dire condition. It also comes in chocolate, peanut butter, cola, cherry, grape and orange. Please instruct your children not to accept candy from strangers and even not to accept candy that looks like this from a friend (who may have been given it and believed it is candy) and to take any that they may have to a teacher, principal, etc. immediately.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0.2933.271215.00.html> and

http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/05/02/health/main2752266.shtml?source=RSSattr=HOME_2752266

Alcohol, Energy Drinks, and Youth: A Dangerous Mix

Alcohol companies are finding increasingly dangerous ways to hook the nation's youth and fuel the underage drinking epidemic. That is the conclusion of a new report by Marin Institute. The report examines the alcohol industry's youth-oriented marketing tactics promoting the consumption of alcoholic energy drinks such as Bud Extra, Tilt, Sparks, and Rockstar 21. <http://www.marininstitute.org/alcopops/resources/EnergyDrinkReport.pdf>

Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

LEGO Invites Children to Display Their Creativity With

LEGO Systems, Inc. (<http://www.LEGO.com/>) invites children between the ages of 6 and 13 who consider themselves curious, imaginative, and creative to apply for the second annual LEGO Creativity Awards. Designed to encourage lifelong curiosity and creativity, the LEGO Creativity Awards are an opportunity for young people to gain recognition for the imagination that will make them the "builders of tomorrow." Children from across the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec) are invited to submit essays showcasing their creativity at home, at school, and in their communities. The essay contest is intended to encourage children to think of creativity as more than practicing art or music; it is also about taking a new approach to everyday challenges. The five winners will each receive \$5,000 to further their creative projects. **Deadline: May 23, 2008**

News from Across the Country

California - Students Plan Charity Event to Help National Anti-Violence Organization

- <http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/2685.asp?item=2719>

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Florida – Principal is on a New Mission

- http://www.sptimes.com/2008/01/31/Northpinellas/Principal_is_on_a_new.shtml

Illinois – North Chicago Senior SAVE Student of the Year

- http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/newssun/news/925312,5_1_WA01_NCSTUDENT_S1.article

Maryland – Pulling the Plug on Web Attacks

- http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/baltimore_city/bal-te.to.video12apr12,0,7254136.story

Nevada – Students Turn Out Against School Violence

- http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=8109529&nav=menu102_2

North Carolina - Konnoak students honored for contributions to safety

- http://www.wschronicle.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1125&Itemid=39

South Carolina - Thumbs up to Moore Intermediate School's Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Chapter

- <http://www.morningnewsonline.com/midatlantic/scp/morningnews.apx.-content-articles-FMN-2008-05-03-0002.html>

Wisconsin - Group Looks to 'Cyberarmy' to Stop Violent Videos

- <http://abcnews.go.com/TheLaw/Story?id=4650695&page=2>