



The Provider's Source Update from the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Project

"Building Bridges, Closing Gaps"



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Draft Recommendations from the NC Institute of Medicine

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine Task Force on Substance Abuse Services has released an interim report with recommendations for the North Carolina General Assembly. A summary of the recommendations are as follows:

- Appropriation of funds for various prevention and treatment programs
- A review and report of existing prevention, early intervention, and treatment programs
- Development of a plan to reduce tobacco and alcohol sales to minors
- An increase in the tobacco tax and the excise tax on beer
- Prohibition of smoking in all public buildings in North Carolina
- An expansion of training for primary care providers and other health professionals
- Payment by the NC Division of Medical Assistance and NC Health Choice for wellness visits and annual substance use screenings for child and adolescents
- A mandate that medical insurers provide equal coverage for substance abuse treatment as they do for other medical illnesses
- Development of a recovery oriented system of care
- Collaboration between various agencies for data collection

For the full text of the report go here: http://www.nciom.org/docs/SA_Interim.pdf



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Help Parents Stay Well-Informed

Check out these resources for parents and be sure to pass them along!

<http://www.drugfree.org/teenbrain/> - A website where parents can learn about "typical" behaviors that their teens might be exhibiting. They can learn about how adolescent brain development affects the expression of these characteristics. It also provides a section with suggestions for enhancing communication with teens especially concerning drugs and alcohol, helping them to engage in risk taking behavior in a healthier manner, and how to help them pick their battles.

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/products/pro27.pdf> - a guide released by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help parents make informed decisions when they are choosing to place their child in a residential treatment facility. The publication contains a list of questions that parents should ask when they are considering a specific facility for their child. It also has some recommendations about what to do before they enroll their child in a program and a list of other resources to consult.

Mark your calendars - Ethics Workshops

September 17, 2008

The Ethics of Practice with Minors

Sponsored by Northwest AHEC, Presented by Kimberly Strom
Contact Marie Simos -- 336-713-7721

September 18, 2008

Ethics in Substance Abuse Treatment

Sponsored by Fellowship Hall, Presented by Sharon De Esch
Contact Jim Fenley -- 800-659-3381

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Conquering the Ethical Dilemmas in Substance Abuse

Sponsored by NCSU Office of Professional Development, Presented by Cherie Ernest
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