Drug education approaches in schools

Schools provide one of the best environments in which to promote healthy behaviours for young people, through drug prevention education. In developing effective drug education programs, schools and practitioners need to be aware of the support networks and resources that are available to assist them in developing their programs. This reading and resources list offers an overview of the resources and networks available to support schools and drug education practitioners.

The following books, reports, journal articles and other resources are currently held in the DrugInfo Clearinghouse Resource Centre.

Books and reports

362.293860835 BEL
Bellhouse, Robert & Munro, Geoff 2001
Next step II: Educating young people about illegal drugs
West Melbourne: Australian Drug Foundation
132 pp.

372.29071 BUI
Bui, Caroline 1998
Primary steps: Educating 5-14-year-olds about drugs
West Melbourne: Australian Drug Foundation
181 pp.

362.29088055 LET
White, V 2001
Australian secondary students’ use of over-the-counter and illicit substances in 1999, monograph series no 46
Canberra: Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care

Journal articles

Scheier LM, Griffin KW, Doyle MM & Botvin GJ 2002

Rye BJ, Humpartzooomian R & Steep B 2001
‘Feedback from participants and leaders in an intervention program: The 1997–1998 Opening
Doors process evaluation’, *Journal of Drug Education* 31:2, pp. 185–206


Ellickson PL & Morton SC 1999
‘Identifying adolescents at risk for hard drug use: Racial/ethnic variations’ *Journal of Adolescent Health* 25:6, pp.382–95

Erhard R 1999
‘Peer-led and adult-led programs—student perceptions’, *Journal of Drug Education* 29:4, pp.295–308

Hansen, WB. & McNeal, RB 1999
‘Drug education practice: Results of an observational study’, *Health Education Research* 14:1, pp. 85–97 [photocopy 8218]

Tobler, NS et al. 1999

Hahn EJ. et al. 1998
‘Drug prevention with high risk families and young children’, *Journal of Drug Education* 28:4, pp. 327–45

**Videos and CD-ROMs**

V 323
*Candidly cannabis: A straight forward approach to cannabis education*
Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health 1997
15 minutes
Produced for secondary schools by the National Initiatives in Drug Education (NIDE), this kit engages students in an active exploration about cannabis.

V 382
*Drugs: Issues for the school community*
NSW Dept. Education and Training 1998
17 minutes
This kit looks at the many issues surrounding the development of policies and curriculum within the school community.

V 299
*Harm minimisation: An approach for Australian schools*
Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services 1996
26 minutes
This video examines the different ways in which harm-minimisation is practised in Australian schools, educating young people on the issues of alcohol and drugs.

V 406
*Responding to cannabis*
Australian Drug Foundation 2000
17 minutes
This video explains the processes used by schools in responding to the incidents of students caught smoking and how they attempt to balance the competing issues of student welfare, school policy and legal aspects.

CD-ROM BOS
*Boswell's dilemma: An interactive drug education learning experience for young people*
Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation, Springwood, Queensland 1999

CD-ROM SOM
*Somazone: An interactive exploration of teenage health and well-being*
Department of Human Services, Victoria 1997

CD-ROM WHA
*What's the score? Life...drugs...choices*
DRUG-ARM & Moreton Institute of TAFE 2001
Produced by multimedia students at Moreton Institute of TAFE in conjunction with DRUG-ARM, this CD-ROM is about getting yourself informed to make healthy choices about drugs.
Other prevention resources available from the Resource Centre

What drug is that?
A full colour poster listing the most commonly used drugs in Australia, including pictures of the drugs, effects, street names and withdrawal symptoms, in an easy-to-read, table format. The poster is available for $11 from the ADF Shop.

How drugs affect you
A series of 10 brochures which include a description of the featured drug, including effects, legal issues and withdrawal symptoms. Single copies are available through the DrugInfo Clearinghouse. For bulk orders please call the ADF Shop.

ADF Shop tel. 1800 069 700

Websites hosting drug prevention information for schools

Australia

Centre for Youth Drug Studies, Australian Drug Foundation www.adf.org.au/cyds/

SDEi (School Drug Education Information) http://www.oten.edu.au/sdei2/Search/ListResources.asp?show=S

New South Wales Health Centre for Education and Information on Drugs and Alcohol www.ceida.net.au

Queensland Health www.schooliesweek.com.au

Commonwealth Department of Education Science and Training www.dest.gov.au

Department of Education and Training Victoria (Sofweb) http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au

NSW Health Centre for Education and Information on Drugs and Alcohol www.ceida.net.au

School Drug Education Project (Western Australia) http://www.sdep.wa.edu.au/

International

NIDA Goes To School (USA) http://www.drugabuse.gov/GoestoSchool/NIDAG2s.html

Resources for School Health Educators (USA) http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/health/K-12.html

To obtain any of the resources on this list or to join the library, contact the Resource Centre on tel. 1300 85 85 84 or online at druginfo@adf.org.au