

HIGHLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY EDUCATION

OUR CURRENT APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM

Through funding from the **Medina County Drug Abuse Commission** we provide:

- 1) Prevention through education and alternative activities.
- 2) Intervention through enforcement of school policies involving chemical use and appropriate counseling referral.
- 3) Support services for at-risk and recovering students; staff training and support.
- 4) Community involvement through parental support and networking with local agencies.

The **Medina County Drug Abuse Commission** (MCDAC) serves to prevent the negative effects of drug abuse by providing funding for and monitoring of education, law enforcement, and treatment program. The Medina County Drug Abuse Commission provides funding for the Chemical Dependency Coordinator whom oversees and administers the K-12 prevention programs throughout the district.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prevention	Student awareness programs dealing with chemical dependency education issues which includes speakers for student assemblies, Red Ribbon Week, B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It or Not I Care) Night, Peer Leader Program (HUDDLE), Post Prom Program, S.A.D.D., Peer Mediation, Leadership Training, DARE Education, STAMP, STAND, GSAT, Tobacco Prevention, Extreme Challenge.
Intervention	Policy enforcement, referral for assessment and support, alternatives to suspension (e.g. Insight Group, counseling)
Support	Individual and Group Counseling provided by building staff and contracted services (may include Insight, self-esteem, decision-making, grief, suicide prevention, study skills)

Staff Training	Teacher training, subs for staff to attend related outside workshops, inservice training, internet safety/online predator prevention.
Community Involvement	Networking with parents, recruiting parents and community members to assist in planning and development of above, networking with outside agencies e.g., Medina County SHARE Cluster, Youth Violence Task Force, Medina County School Crisis Team, Law Enforcement, chemical counseling referrals, coordination with county services and agencies.