

2006-2007 WHRO Classroom Preview

Series Title: Connect With Kids At-Risk
Curriculum Area: Guidance
Grades: 6 - 12
of Programs/Length: 15/20:00 minute programs

How does this series manage to be so effective at reaching teens? The gripping, unflinching programs feature true stories and real kids in a peer-to-peer format that focuses on the at-risk issues kids face everyday. CWK Network promotes the positive power of kids talking to kids, sharing their struggles and successes, so your students can understand and improve their own attitudes, behaviors and decision-making.

Our programs focus on kids talking to kids about drugs, alcohol, bullying, and other problems they face everyday. And this hard-hitting peer-to-peer style really creates an impact. Many students have already changed their attitudes and behavior after viewing these programs.

Correlated to Health, At-Risk & Safety Standards in those states with Health & Safety Standards, and to Life Science (Human Body) standards in many other states (most states mandate substance abuse and other at-risk education at various places in their K-12 curricula). The instructional design combines "scare/shock" with "reasonable/factual" approaches to changing student behavior, which have oscillated this "Guidance" strand of education back and forth in the last 30 years.

Students' points of view are used to give these behavioral programs maximum credibility with their target school-age audiences. Recently produced these at-risk programs use a new approach that will equally satisfy student behavior modification needs of counselors, teachers, administrators and students alike. Unlike many at-risk programs produced over the last decades, these programs focus more on causes of behavior and less on the "de jour" symptoms, such as specific substances abused, STDs, etc. The combination of the above factors ensure that these programs will change students' behaviors quickly, which is the primary motive for educators to use them.

1. Fat Chance: Teen Obesity

According to this powerful program, the emotional pain of obesity can outweigh the physical risks. Taunted by his peers, one obese teen admits, "I just want to die." 20:00

2. Self-Hurting Teens

Her leg is a swollen mass of razor-blade cuts, and it's no accident. She's one of an increasing number of teens who gain pleasure from self-injury -- a dangerous practice. 20:00

3. Body Image Obsession

Too many teens have a distorted view of their body image. Several teens reflect on the emotional and even physical pain that this body obsession brings. 20:00

4. Drinking & Driving Kills

Teen drinking is a sobering story, but never more so than in this stunning program. A young girl gets drunk, crashes her car, and goes to jail for killing the other driver. 20:00

5. OTC & Inhalants

For teens looking to get high, the easiest drugs to get are right in the medicine cabinet - cold medicine, cough syrup and other over-the-counter and prescription drugs. OTC drugs and inhalants can cause brain damage, depression, addiction, heart problems and other health risks. 20:00

6. Gateway To Addiction

Andrew was the all-American boy--until he started using nicotine and other "gateway" drugs. Today, like others who started "small," he's fighting drug addiction. 20:00

7. Bullycide & Verbal Abuse

Experts say that verbal assault is becoming more common and much more malicious. But who are these bullies, why are they doing it, and what can we do to stop them? 20:00

8. Cyber-stalking & Bullying (PREVIEW PROGRAM)

Cyber predators can be dangerous to young Net users--a fact that 13-year old Kylie found out almost too late when her chat-room "friend" ended up being a 47-year-old sex offender. 20:00

9. Stopping Verbal Bullying

Wounding deeper than punches and kicks, taunts and insults can leave kids feeling worthless. This Emmy Winner explores the best ways to defend against these "weapons." 20:00

10. Too Far, Too Fast

Accidental injury is the number one killer of kids, but behind that often lays a darker, sadder cause: risky behavior. How can we get students to avoid taking unnecessary risks? 20:00

11. STDs: Lifetime Consequences

Teen sex isn't kid stuff: One out of every four sexually active teens contracts a sexually transmitted disease. Real kids reveal how "fooling around" ultimately hurt them. WARNING: MUST BE PREVIEWED BEFORE USE. MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR SOME AUDIENCES 20:00

12. Angry & Violent Teens

Life has become increasingly violent-and it hasn't stopped at the school door. Students confess to the violent anger and fear they experience in their own lives. 20:00

13. Teens Beating The Odds

Why do some kids succeed while other fail-even when they come from the same background? Students talk about determination and resiliency-and lack of them. 20:00

14. From Rude To Respectful

Is this the most uncivil generation in history? Kids discuss their own bad behavior-and how they hope to overcome it. 20:00

15. The Buy-Me Generation

It's a disease of the young, and its symptoms include an obsession with material things and little interest in anything else. What can schools and parents do about this spreading affluenza? 20:00