

Kansas Elks State Drug Awareness Program

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Since its inception in 1983, the Elks Drug Awareness Program has worked to prevent drug use by our youth through education.

The Elks recognize that they are not experts in the field of drug education. However, we do have the resources -- in dollars, facilities and volunteers -- to work with the experts to ensure that young people know the facts about drugs.



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks' Drug Awareness Program Mission Statement

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks' Drug Awareness Program is dedicated to preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illicit drugs by the youth of our country. Elks with the assistance of our committed partners will be able to actively educate students and adults while assisting scholastic institutions with scientific based prevention programs and drug awareness information.



Beliefs and Principles

The mission statement is based upon the following beliefs and principles

- Kansas Elks believe that a civilized society will organize to protect its children.
- Kansas Elks support, facilitate, train and empower individuals and communities to be drug free.
- Kansas Elks are committed to prevent the damaging effects of drug abuse.
- Kansas Elks are opposed to the legalization of any illegal drugs.



Beliefs and Principles

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- Kansas Elks believe that well-educated parents and children will strive for a society free from illegal drug use.
- Kansas Elks believe the first defense against drug abuse is stronger values for families and communities.
- Kansas Elks make a difference through innovative partnerships.
- Kansas Elks are dedicated to establishing environments conducive to personal growth within our communities.
- Kansas Elks believe that if not the Elks D/A Program then "who" will carry the drug awareness message to our communities? We are the "grass roots" connection!

Every year, the Elks' Drug Awareness Program hands out more than 7 million pieces of anti-drug material.

This is accomplished, through the 2,100 Elk Lodges in communities across the country.



Ordering Literature

- If your Lodge is interested in ordering “no cost” literature contact me!
- You can have up to 2000 pieces of each pamphlet we have
- It's shipped directly to your Lodge

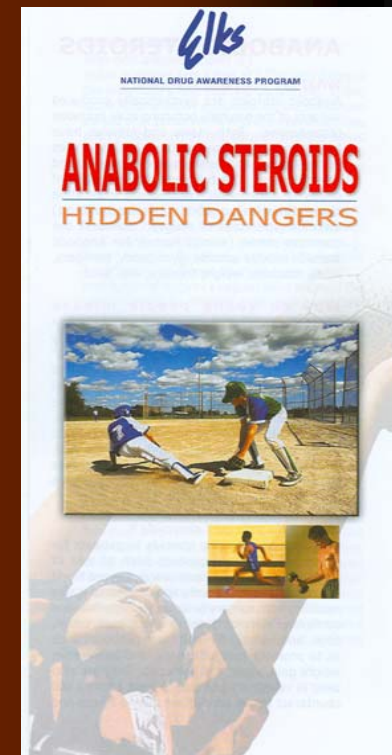
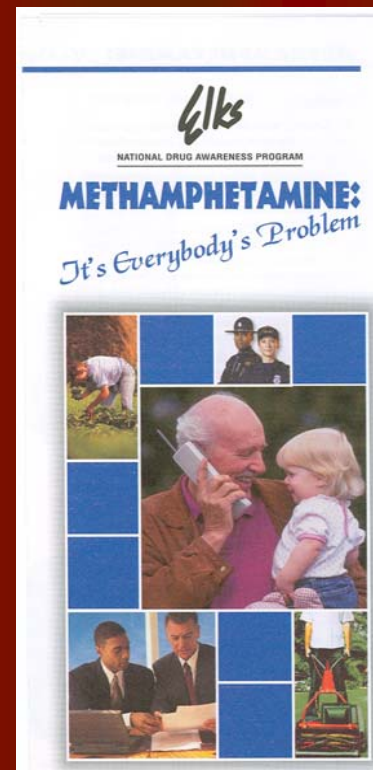
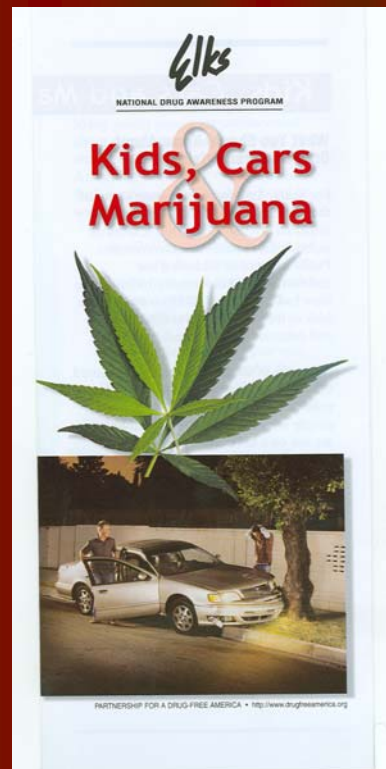
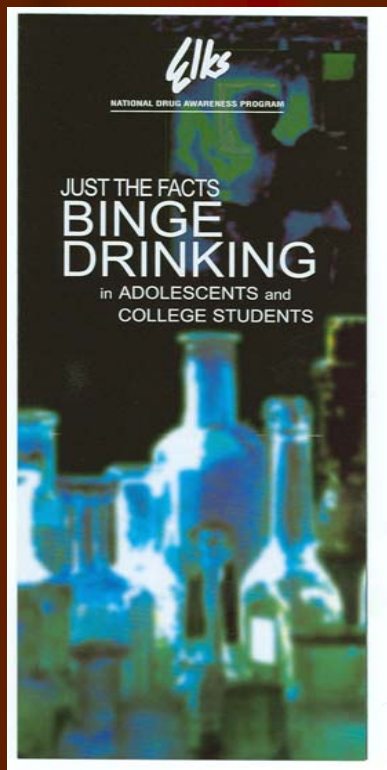
Kansas Elks Lodges

- Each Lodge should have an appointed Lodge Chairman
- Each Lodge Chairman should be familiar with the Literature that is available as each piece is directed towards a targeted audience

Age Appropriate Pamphlets

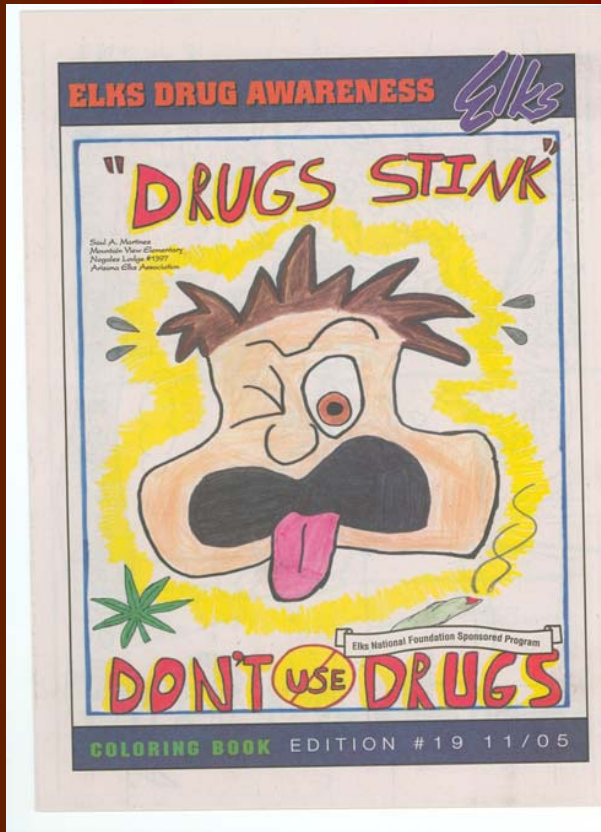
- The following examples of some of our literature would not be appropriate for K thru 3rd Graders!

Pamphlets on Current Issues



Age Appropriate Materials

- But the following pamphlets would!



Coloring Book



Bookmark

Pamphlets for Parents

HOW CAN I TELL IF MY CHILD IS USING DRUGS?

It is difficult because changes in mood, attitudes, unusual temper outbursts, and changes in hobbies or other interests are common in teens.

WATCH LIST FOR PARENTS: As a parent you should look for signs of depression, withdrawal and hostility.

1. Changes in friends
2. Negative changes in schoolwork, missing school, discipline problems at school, activity changes.
3. Increased secrecy about possessions or activities.
4. Use of incense, room deodorant, or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors.
5. Subtle changes in conversations with friends, more secretive using coded language. "Four twenty" is a code name for a time to get high.
6. Change in clothing choices: new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use.
7. Evidence of drug paraphernalia, such as pipes, rolling papers.
8. Evidence of inhalant products, such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, and other common inhalants.
9. Bottles of eye drops, used to mask blood shot eyes, or dilated pupils.
10. Missing prescription drugs - especially narcotics and stabilizers.

These changes often signal that something is going on and often that involves alcohol or drugs. Seek professional help in dealing with this problem.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Parents, you are the first line of defense when it comes to your child's drug use or drinking. You are the difference maker!

1. Set Rules - Let your child know alcohol and drug use is unacceptable in your family. Enforce stated consequences when family rules are broken.
2. Know where your teens are and what will they be doing during unsupervised time.
3. Talk to your child. Casually ask how things are going at school, with friends, and his plans for the future.
4. Keep your teens busy, especially between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and into evening hours. Teens who are involved in constructive, adult supervised activities are less likely to use drugs than other teens.
5. Take time to learn the facts about marijuana and underage drinking and talk to your teen about the harmful effects on young people.
6. Get to know your child's friends and parents. Make sure you know their rules and standards.
7. Accept the role of a parent as your major responsibility. Children do not need you to be their friend, let others be their friend. You be the parent!

The Elks are committed to providing a healthy future for America's youth. In addition to educating young people about the dangers of drugs, the Elks provide positive alternatives such as Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot programs. The organization also awards more than \$8 million each year in college scholarships. For additional information, contact your local Elks Lodge or visit the Elks website at www.elks.org/YouthActivities.cfm.



DAP 170

REV 03/05

A Parents' Guide To Preventing Inhalant Abuse



JUST THE FACTS LEGALIZING MARIJUANA



ELKS
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Elks Drug Awareness Trailers

To help in getting the Elks Drug Awareness material and Anti-Drug message into the hands of parents and kids, the Elks currently have 90 Drug Education Trailers on the road. With additional trailers being put into service every year. Our DAP trailers have participated in 1,006 events this year, and traveled in excess of 206,840 miles. All trailers are "manned" by Elk volunteers.



The Elks Drug Education Trailers contain Information from videos, posters, pamphlets, coloring books, fatal vision goggles, and promotional items being provided free.



A few samples of promotional items that help promote that Kansas Elks Drug Awareness Message



Elroy The Elk

Elroy T. Elk is the official DAP mascot. He has appeared in many school programs, usually travels with our trailers, and participates in all of our youth programs.



Elks Drug Awareness Programs help get youth, parents, and their community involved!

Essay Contest

Poster Contest

Red Ribbon Week

Hands Across the Border

Enrique Camarena Award Program

Elks' Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest



Elks Drug Awareness Program Comic Book Program

Elks Drug Awareness Program has teamed up with Marvel Comics and SAMHSA (Federal Government's – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), to produce an Action Comic Book featuring Spider Man, Fantastic Four, and Elroy the Elk.

The goal of this program is to help educate school children in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades about the dangers of underage drinking and negative peer pressures.

The program includes the comic books, teachers' guide, and posters.

A total of 800,000 comic books and 37,000 teachers guides have been distributed so far.



Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest.

Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest is designed to allow kids to write an essay about the great things they can do if they stay away from drugs and alcohol.

The Grand prize winner will be a featured character in a future Marvel comic book publication.

Details of this contest can be accessed through the Elks web site

Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest

You could win an opportunity to appear in a Marvel comic book!

Enter your essay about the great things you can do if you stay away from drugs and alcohol!

You could win one of these exciting prize packages:

One (1) Grand Prize Winner Receives:

- Winner's likeness drawn in a Marvel comic book (an unassigned value)
- \$100 worth of Marvel toys
- A year's subscription to a Marvel comic book (value: \$24)
- A year's subscription to a Marvel comic book for the winner's school (value: \$24)

Twenty (20) First Prize Winners Receive:

- \$100 worth of Marvel toys (an unassigned value)

Fifty (50) Second Prize Winners Receive:

- A year's subscription to a Marvel comic book (value: \$24)
- A year's subscription to a Marvel comic book for the winner's school (value: \$24)

Get in on the action and all at the same time! The exciting opportunity that is ahead of you! Stay away from drugs and alcohol and you just might become one of the characters in one of your favorite Marvel Super Heroes!

Here's How to Enter:

- 1) Download a "1" form at www.elks.org and complete it. You'll need to sign and date the form.
- 2) In the top of your essay, please clearly state your name, address, phone number, grade level, your school name, and your teacher's name.
- 3) Make please, do not write in your personal journal and do not include in your submission any photos or drawings of you, your family, or your school.

Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest, P.O. Box 200, Iron Point, IA 50239-0200

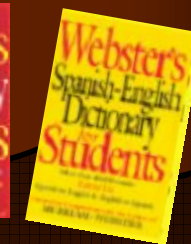
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Dictionary Project and the Elks' Drug Awareness Bookmarks

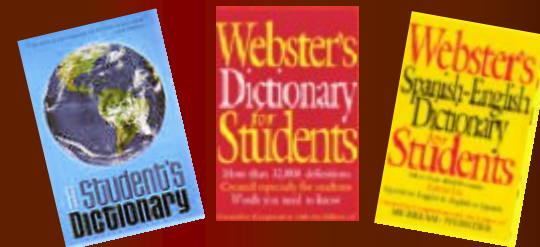
The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Mary French of Charleston, S.C. The sole mission of this non-profit organization - which we, as Elks, share - is to distribute dictionaries to as many third-graders as possible in the 50 United States.

In the 2004-2005 Lodge year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks became involved in this project.

A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool a child could own. Its usefulness goes beyond the spelling, pronunciation and definitions it lists; it is a companion for solving problems that arise as a child develops his or her reading skills, writing and creative thinking abilities.



- Close to 2 million dictionaries have been distributed to date.
- Most schools today have to struggle raising day-to-day operating costs and are not financially able to provide dictionaries to individual students.
- The Dictionary Program is a wonderful community service project and literacy project. It is an opportunity to be involved in a hands-on project that does not require a great deal of time; relatively inexpensive; an opener of doors into the schools in our community; paving the way for other Youth Projects - scholarships, essay contests, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, etc.;
- When given in combination with a Drug Awareness Bookmark, they make a great educational and motivational tool.



Public Service Announcements



Marijuana

Methamphetamines

Parenting

Underage Drinking

Underage Tobacco Use

If you would like PSA's to give to radio stations in your area see me!

The Elks' National Drug Awareness Program, has partnered with Milton Creagh, Jr. to develop a parenting program that will be offered to communities at no cost to them. I've asked you here to discuss the possibility of bringing Milt to Kansas!



- Milton Creagh, Jr. has been referred to as, "the best kept secret in America".
- Mr. Creagh talks to over 100,000 kids a year. Over, the last decade or so, more than eight million Americans have heard him speak live.
- Milton has spoken in 49 of our 50 states, throughout the Caribbean, Canada, South America and South Africa. He has also addressed state legislatures, elder councils on Native American Reservations, professional athletes, incarcerated adult and juvenile offenders, high school and college students, U.S. Attorneys, U.S. troops, business leaders, union locals and churches.



Opportunity for Kansas

- Kansas has been chosen as a potential site for Milton to come to under a Grant from the Elks Drug Awareness program
- We'd like to present a short version of our "Parenting Is Prevention" program at this time with a follow-up discussion

This presentation was developed by and for the Kansas Elks' Drug Awareness Program



For more information on the Elks National Drug Awareness Program or other Elks Youth Program, Visit: www.elks.org/YouthActivities.cfm

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