

# Drug rehab program opens Annapolis office

The public is invited to an open house of the Anne Arundel County office of the Straight Family Service Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in Suite 220, West Garrett Place, 275 West St., in Annapolis.

Straight Inc. is a private, non-profit, family-oriented, drug rehabilitation program for young people.

This is the first office of its kind for Straight Inc., opening in response to requests from county residents and with encouragement from county officials.

Bernadine Braithwaite, national executive director of Straight Inc., and Linda Hedden, corporate vice president of Resource Development, as well as executives from Straight's Springfield Va. office will greet guests and explain the program.

Family participants and graduates of the Straight program also will attend and be available to answer questions.

Founded in St. Petersburg Fla. in 1976, the treatment program is based on a philosophy of self help which means kids helping kids, parents helping parents and families helping families under the supervision of trained professionals.

The objectives are the revitalization of the family while enabling the

young person to recapture a productive, meaningful and drug-free life.

Straight conducts parent and sibling sessions in addition to individual and family counseling. One result is that 92 percent of the brothers and sisters of young people who participate in the treatment program never become involved in drugs. They become educated while their sibling with the substance-abuse program is helped.

The program has received acclaim for the positive use of peer pressure in creating a drug-free lifestyle. Based on the premise that it was peer pressure which first got the child involved with drugs, Straight uses supervised peer pressure to help young people get off and stay off drugs.

For information, call Lorna Maloolley, assistant administrator of Resource Development, at 280-0290 or 280-0291.

Do you know of drug activity  
in your community?

You can help by calling

**1-800-782-DRUG**

The call is free and you  
may remain anonymous.