

# Parents Checklist

## Have You Observed . . .

- School tardiness, truancy, declining grades
- Loss of motivation, energy, self-discipline
- Loss of interest in activities, hobbies
- Forgetfulness — short or long term
- Short attention span, trouble concentrating
- Aggressive anger, hostility, irritability
- Sullen, uncaring attitudes and behavior
- Family arguments and strife with you or siblings
- Disappearance of money, valuables
- Unusual mood swings
- Changes in friends, evasive about new ones
- Unhealthy appearance, bloodshot eyes
- Changes in personal dress or grooming
- Trouble with the law in or out of school
- Unusually large appetite
- Use of room deodorizers and incense
- Drug-related graphics and slogans
- Pipes, small boxes or containers, baggies, rolling papers, or other unusual items

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# Key Facts About STRAIGHT

- STRAIGHT has treated over 50,000 family members nationwide since it was established in 1976.
- STRAIGHT is recognized as the largest and most successful long-term adolescent drug treatment program in the nation.
- STRAIGHT is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations—the nation's leading healthcare accreditational agency.
- Many insurance companies recognize this accreditation.
- 70% of STRAIGHT graduates remain drug free following treatment.
- STRAIGHT provides a structured Treatment Program comprised of Five Phases, plus an Aftercare Program:

**First Phase:** The adolescent lives with a host family who has a child in an advanced stage of the STRAIGHT Treatment Program. The adolescent confronts past drug-using experiences and works on developing a positive self-concept.

**Second Phase:** The adolescent returns home and begins working on family relationships.

**Third Phase:** The adolescent returns to school or work and must say no to the peer pressure to use drugs.

**Fourth Phase:** The adolescent begins staged withdrawal from active involvement in the program. The young person works on constructive use of leisure time and develops positive friendships.

**Fifth Phase:** The adolescent has recaptured a well rounded drug-free lifestyle and concentrates on social responsibility and service to others.

**Aftercare:** Upon graduating from the Fifth Phase, adolescents and their families have access to Aftercare—a six month program continuing group therapy.

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