

STRAIGHT

THE FAMILY ORIENTED TREATMENT PROGRAM

STRAIGHT is a non-profit family oriented treatment program for adolescents and their families. Robert L. DuPont, M.D., the founding director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse has praised the STRAIGHT adolescent drug abuse treatment program as "the best in the country."

STRAIGHT is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The JCAHO has been accrediting health care facilities for more than three decades and is recognized as the nation's leading accreditation organization. Accreditation by this prestigious organization is an honor which reflects that STRAIGHT meets the highest standards for professional patient health care.

The STRAIGHT 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 main objectives of treatment 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 of the STRAIGHT program is that 92% of the brothers and sisters of young people who participate in the treatment program never become involved with drugs. STRAIGHT has intervened and educated these children while helping the child with the substance abuse problem. The best form of prevention is intervention.

STRAIGHT has received acclaim for the positive use of peer pressure in creating a drug free life style. 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.

Although not an inpatient facility, STRAIGHT conducts an intense daily schedule of therapeutic sessions which includes the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. STRAIGHT offers a program of intensive therapy and provides a structured format of progression where young people earn their way through the Five Phases of the treatment program.

CONCERNED CITIZENS

If you know a child in need of treatment or are interested in volunteering to work at the program or to serve on our Community Advisory Board, please contact 577-6011.

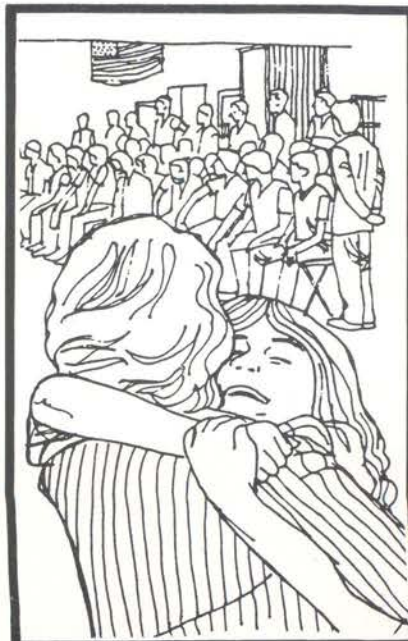
A community sponsored **BINGO** is held to benefit STRAIGHT each Friday and Sunday at the Plumbers & Steamfitters Hall located at US19 and 78th Avenue.

FREE COFFEE AND PASTRIES

5:00 p.m. Doors Open
6:30 p.m. Early Bird Bingo
7:30 p.m. Regular Bingo

PAYOUT OF \$2500 NIGHTLY

For Information Call 577-6011.



PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

HAVE YOU OBSERVED?

- SCHOOL TARDINESS, TRUANCY, DECLINING GRADES
- LOSS OF MOTIVATION, ENERGY, SELF-DISCIPLINE, LOSS OF INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES
- FORGETFULNESS, SHORT OR LONG TERM
- SHORT ATTENTION SPAN, TROUBLE CONCENTRATING
- AGGRESSIVE ANGER, HOSTILITY, IRRITABILITY
- SULLEN, UNCARING ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR
- DISAPPEARANCE OF MONEY, VALUABLES
- CHANGES IN FRIENDS, ELUSIVE ABOUT NEW FRIENDS
- UNHEALTHY APPEARANCE, BLOODSHOT EYES
- CHANGES IN PERSONAL DRESS OR GROOMING
- TROUBLE WITH THE LAW IN OR OUT OF SCHOOL
- USE OF VISINE, ROOM DEODORIZERS, INCENSE
- ROCK GROUP, DRUG RELATED GRAPHICS AND SLOGANS
- PIPES, SMALL BOXES OR CONTAINERS, BAGGIES, ROLLING PAPERS OR OTHER UNUSUAL ITEMS
- PECULIAR ODORS OR BUTTS, SEEDS, LEAVES IN ASHTRAYS, CLOTHING, OR POCKETS

THE FIVE PHASES

Young people progress through the following Five Phases or stages of the treatment cycle while participating in the STRAIGHT treatment program.

FIRST PHASE is the period immediately after the young person enters the program. They are working on self and developing honesty about past experiences using drugs, their thoughts, and feelings. The child lives with a host family who has a child in an advanced stage of the program.

SECOND PHASE is when the child comes home. They now live at home rather than with a host family and begin working on family relationships in addition to developing self.

THIRD PHASE focuses on achievement while continuing to work on family and self. The young person returns to the school or work environment and must face old friends and say no to the peer pressure to do drugs.

FOURTH PHASE is the time when the young person begins staged withdrawal from active involvement in the program. They are working on constructive use of leisure time, developing positive friendships, and engaging in recreational activities with family and friends.

FIFTH PHASE is the final phase when the young person has recaptured a well rounded drug free life style and concentrates on social responsibility and service to others.

Upon graduating from the Fifth Phase, the young people and their families have access to an aftercare program which will provide a safety net and sense of security for these young people as they pursue lives unimpeded by chemical dependency.

A MESSAGE FROM . . .

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bernadine Braithwaite

I am honored to introduce myself as the National Executive Director of STRAIGHT, Inc. Since being asked to serve in this position in September, 1987, I have witnessed hundreds of young people whose lives have been reclaimed by recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. It has been rewarding to be a part of this fine organization and its efforts to help these young people and their families. I recognize that STRAIGHT offers not only a chance to achieve sobriety and freedom from drug addiction but also an opportunity to recover quality of life and hope for the future.

STRAIGHT was founded in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1976 and since that initial small beginning has grown until we are now able to offer seven treatment programs and four family service centers located throughout the country. To date over 9,000 children have received the STRAIGHT treatment. STRAIGHT is recognized as our nation's leading adolescent substance abuse treatment program.

The main objective of the STRAIGHT therapeutic process is the reconstruction and revitalization of the family. Participation in the STRAIGHT program involves a commitment by the entire family--young people, parents, and siblings--to achieve recovery. Research shows that the more the family is involved, the higher are the chances of success. Success at STRAIGHT means lives saved.

STRAIGHT shares this commitment to recovery from drug abuse with families all over America and is proud to be able to offer our substance abuse treatment program to others who refuse to let drug addiction continue its terrible control of their lives.

For more information on STRAIGHT, please contact the treatment program or family service center in your area.

Sincerely,

Bernadine Braithwaite

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Orlando, FL 32804
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813-577-6011

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Virginia Beach, VA 23462
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365 Cypress Drive
Tequesta, FL 33469
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