

# KAOC Fall Forum to Feature Fla. Pediatrician

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Kids Are Our Concern, a local organization formed to combat alcohol and drug abuse among young people, will sponsor a Fall Forum at James Wood High School, Amherst Campus auditorium.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the featured speaker will be Dr. Donald Ian (Mac) Macdonald, Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida Medical School.

Macdonald, who is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, is on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth. He is president of the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Council of Marijuana and is director of Clinical Research for Straight, Inc., a treatment and rehabilitation program for teen-aged drug users which is in the process of establishing a Chapter in the Fairfax area.

As a highly-qualified medical consultant and a parent who has had the first-hand personal experience of

having to deal with a child's drug use, Dr. Macdonald travels nationwide addressing organizations regarding the impact that illegal drugs have on the health and well being of the nation's young people. He is also the author of several medical articles on the relationship between drug use and adolescent behavior.

On the morning of Oct. 6, Dr. Macdonald will speak to professional psychologists, consultants who treat drug-abusing adolescents, and social workers. At noon he will address the entire medical staff of Winchester Memorial Hospital. At 4 p.m. in the auditorium of John Handley High School he will appear before school administrators, teachers, and other educational personnel. Dr. Macdonald will also speak at a separate time to area pediatricians who are the physicians most likely to have to treat the medical problems related to drug use.

The 7:30 Wednesday evening Fall Forum meeting is open to all community members and parents of teens and pre-teens are especially urged to attend, a KAOC spokesman



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said. You need not be a member of KAOC to attend the Forum or any other general KAOC meetings. For further information, telephone 662-8936, 667-4863, or 667-8834.