

Fight Against Drugs Not Over

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Mel Riddle, executive director of Straight Inc., warned against too much optimism in the fight against teen drug abuse in his address to the Kids Are Our Concern annual dinner meeting Tuesday night.

Riddle, who runs a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program out of Fairfax, told KAOC members that efforts to stop drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents is the responsibility of community organizations and that they should not rely on government assistance.

"You can't just throw money at this problem," Riddle said, adding that there are more officers in New York's subway system than there are agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration throughout the country.

Although there has been success in cutting down on teen drug abuse, "don't be optimistic," Riddle said. "The battle has just begun. We've got a long way to go."

This summer, KAOC will have a one-week workshop conducted by

Community Intervention Inc. of Minneapolis, an organization that provides training for community groups.

The workshop, scheduled for the week of June 22, will be sponsored by KAOC and Shenandoah College and Conservatory. For more information call Michael Foster at 667-0875.

Also Tuesday, KAOC elected its board of directors for 1985-1987. They are: Michael Foster, Nathan Jenkins, Judy Juergens, Robert L. Lebo, Shelda Longerbeam, Ilene

Marinoff, Jane McAllister, Shelby Raines, Manuel Semples, Dr. Terry Sinclair, Jody Strader, the Rev. James Utt, and Dr. Kenneth Walker.

Roger Koontz and Edward P. Browning Jr. were elected to fill unexpired terms.

Elected to the board's executive committee were Jane McAllister, Shelda Longerbeam, Judy Juergens, Kathy Nerangis, Jody Strader, Michael Foster, Nikki Isherwood, Robert E. Lebo, and Shelby Raines.