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"Let me be the first to say that STRAIGHT is not only the best adolescent drug abuse treatment program in this area . . . it is the best in the country."

Robert L. DuPont, M.D.
Founding Director
National Institute on Drug Abuse

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Every parent

has a dream for their family. A dream of a home loaded with love, laughter, support, care, stability and warmth. For many families, their homes were just that until . . . something happened. One of the children became a stranger within the family. The dream became elusive and ugly, but at first no one knew why. Almost overnight, the dream became a nightmare. For no evident reason, love became anxiety. Laughter became silence. Support became suspicion. Care became worry. Stability became crisis. Warmth became anger.

This tragic pattern is typical for thousands of American families touched by the terrible epidemic of adolescents using drugs or alcohol.

GOOD FAMILIES IN BAD TROUBLE

Adolescent drug use is a disease, not a family failure. It is also very treatable! The family dream can still be realized!

Parents have often asked us, "How would I know?" They saw the following behavior without knowing why:

- The child withdrew from family-oriented activities.
- The quality of the child's friendships changed. The child preferred companions who were less acceptable to the family.
- School performance dropped. Quitting school became more likely. Talk of the future ceased.
- Family relationships become tentative and fragile. Honest communication ended.
- The child began to swing from anger to elation and swiftly back to anger. Loneliness was evident although the child was surrounded by people.
- Disrespect for authority grew to open rebellion. The child's world turned from positives to negatives.
- The parents saw a progressive deterioration in the behavior, attitudes, morals and personality of the child.
- Most parents never saw the child high, nor did they find evidence of drugs.
- The family settled for much less as the quality of their life folded and faded. Watching the decay set in, they began believing their dream had died.

Then they found STRAIGHT . . .

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In 1976, STRAIGHT was founded and dreams once again became reality for thousands of families. To date, over 3,000 young people and their families have entered STRAIGHT. Currently, over eight hundred young people are in treatment.

At STRAIGHT, we work every day with young people and their parents to regain the love, the laughter, the support, the care, the stability, and the warmth of a healthy family — the dream recaptured.

STRAIGHT, a privately funded, nonprofit organization, is a program for young people and families who have been hurt by adolescent drug use.

STRAIGHT combines the experience of professionals, parents and young people to help the family solve the problem. Love, honesty, responsibility, laughter, tears and open communication destroy the strongholds created by drugs.

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A success rate that speaks for itself.

Why does STRAIGHT have such a high success rate?

STRAIGHT is recognized by the experts as an adolescent drug treatment program unique in its achievements. STRAIGHT has succeeded time and time again where other approaches have not. Why? What makes STRAIGHT special?

STRAIGHT is tailored to the adolescent (12 to 21) drug user.

STRAIGHT is supervised by professionals with years of experience in adolescent drug use counseling.

STRAIGHT deals with the problem, not the symptoms.

STRAIGHT works with the entire family.

STRAIGHT allows the child to move at his or her own pace. There is no arbitrary time limit for recovery.

STRAIGHT provides a drug free environment for recovery.

STRAIGHT staff members are drug free models for the young people.

STRAIGHT encourages and teaches honesty, integrity, and responsible living.

STRAIGHT provides an aftercare program and support group tailored for the needs of the entire family.

STRAIGHT teaches the young person how to deal effectively with personal problems, family relationships, school and work, friendships and constructive social activities.

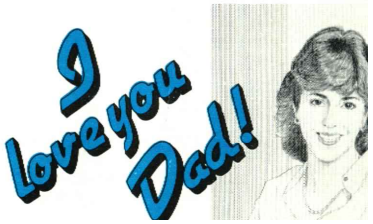
STRAIGHT consists of professionals, parents and young people united in a common goal — the recovery of the family dream — a healthy home.

An Initial Visit Only Costs Time

The real value will be finding the road back to those lost dreams. Meet the professional staff. Talk to the young people. Talk to the parents. Experience their dreams coming true.

Call one of the locations listed on the back of this brochure. Don't give up on the child. Keep The Dream Alive.

Call STRAIGHT today.



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