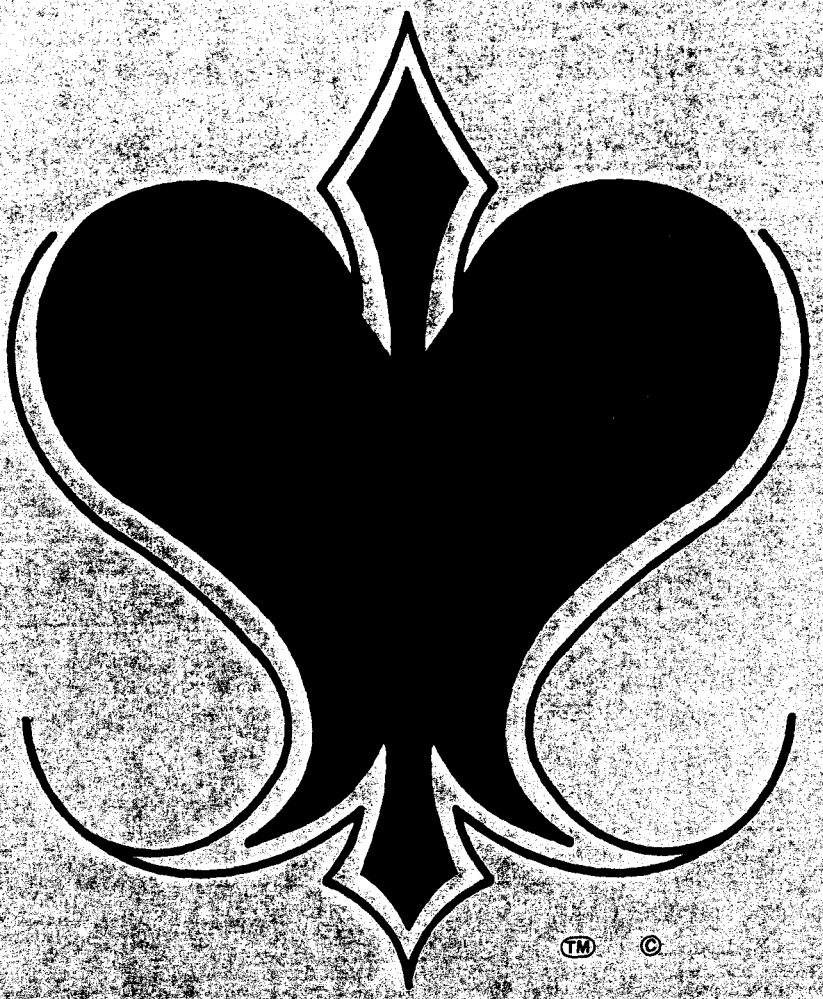

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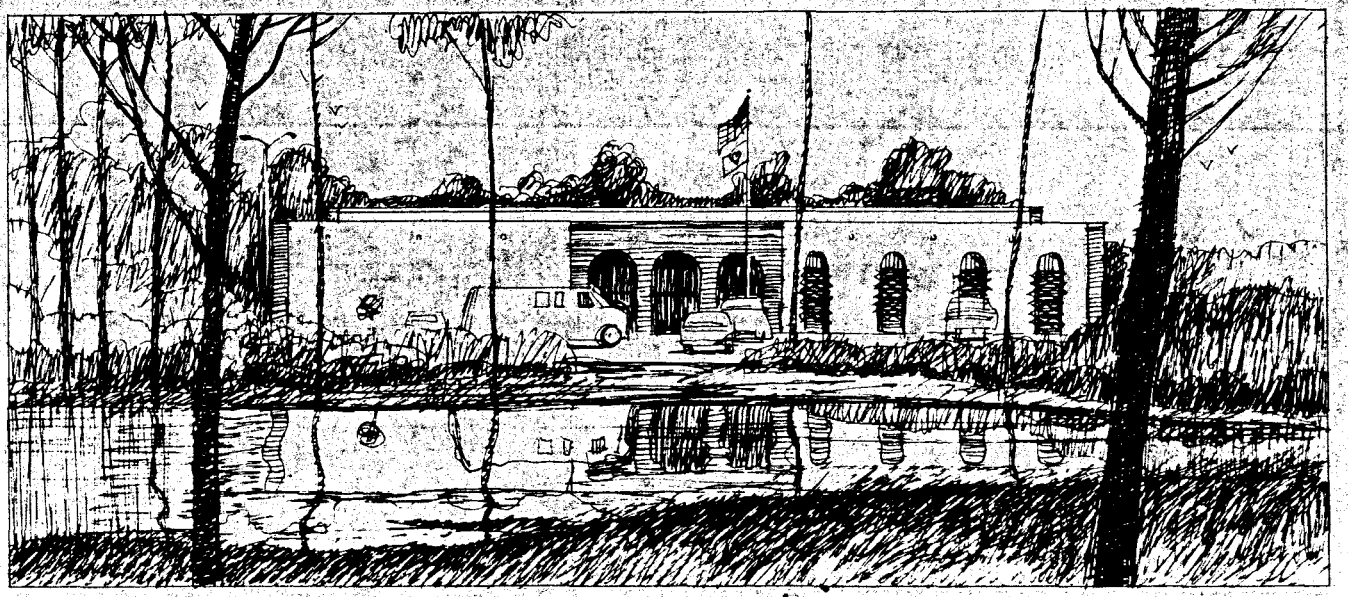
. . . one thing must be made absolutely clear, Straight has helped many children and may be able to help your child, however, some children cannot be helped except by intensive personal counseling or institutional care. Drugs can damage the brain to the point where help is almost unavailable. This is certainly not a negative thought, but a realistic one.

Straight was started by a group of concerned parents who knew there were no facilities in the St. Petersburg area to help children who were using drugs. The program began in September of 1976 with a staff of 9 and one child. In January 1981, the staff had grown to 35 with 450 children.

Just as the drug abuse problem is growing, so is the Straight family. The increasing need for services has brought about expansion resulting in the June 1980 opening of our new building in St. Petersburg.

Straight, Inc.-Sarasota opened its doors in November 1980. Within four months this first branch program expanded to 130 clients.

There are now operational programs in Atlanta, Georgia and the Cincinnati, Ohio area. And in the Fall of 1982 there will be a program operational in the Greater Washington, D.C. area.



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What Are The Parent's First Steps?

Come to one of Straight's open meetings. You'll be met with love and understanding from other good parents...just like yourself. Call Straight today to arrange to meet the staff and attend an open meeting.

What Does The Straight Program Cost Parents?

Parents who seek help from Straight are asked to make a contribution of a specific amount to help support the program. No child has ever been turned away for financial reasons. The service fee covers only a part of the actual program costs.

Straight asks more than just a financial commitment from our parents. We consider ourselves a community or family, and depend on our parents' booster club to coordinate the volunteer fund raising efforts of our families. Volunteer parents help smooth the daily program operation. Whether your gift is driving the kids to appointments, creating crafts for our winter craft carnival or working a garage sale....your part as a Straight parent involves an all round commitment.

How Organizations And Individuals May Contribute To The Straight Program.

We're excited about the success of Straight and the impact being made on the lives of young people and their families all over our country. We have built our permanent home through the donations of a concerned community. We have an operational branch program in Sarasota, Florida, and others in the planning stages in other parts of the country. And this is just the beginning. Your individual or corporate gift will help us help children.

Straight does not solicit or accept government funding and depends on individual donations, grants and sponsorships through clubs, churches, businesses and individuals to supplement the service

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