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DRUGS IN THE EIGHTIES

The social message of the sixties and seventies was "Turn on, tune in and free yourself". The eighties brought a different kind of message. Take control, excel and succeed. The messages may have changed but the ways in which we deal with our society have not. We still depend on chemical euphoria to deliver us. Drug abuse remains a forever kind of problem and it is everywhere . . . on Wall Street, hospitals, classrooms, factories and homes. One out of every ten Americans struggles with a drug problem.

The purpose of **DRUGS IN THE EIGHTIES** is to provide current, up-to-date information on alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, look-alikes and designer drugs. Information for those on the eastern shore to southwest Virginia and southside to northern Virginia.

The program is designed to educate general audiences, educators and law enforcement professionals of the Commonwealth on the drug abuse problems we face in the eighties and the seriousness of the escalating usage of drugs among all groups of Virginians.

Viewers of the program will be able to better deal with a series of critical questions:

- What do all cocaine users have in common?
- How can the use of cocaine cause death?
- What are designer drugs?
- What are the dangers of "China White"?
- What are look-alikes?
- What is polyabuse?
- What are the results of long term marijuana usage?



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SUGGESTED USES:

To serve as a graphic warning against the drugs. To educate the audience about the physical, psychological and legal aspects of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, look-alike and designer drug use. To de-glamorize these drugs by portraying the reality of substance abuse.

RECOMMENDED FOR:

Community and corporate drug prevention and rehabilitation programs. Substance abuse prevention programs and health classes, in schools, colleges and universities. 4-H youth programs.

PRODUCERS:

Syndistar, Inc.
648 Hickory Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70123
Ph. 1-800-841-9532

CONCLUSION

The Community Resource Development (CRD) Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, as a part of its crime prevention programming effort, purchased from Syndistar, Inc., and is making available **DRUGS IN THE EIGHTIES**. Substance abuse is a major problem cutting across the entire spectrum of age and society in the Commonwealth.

Detailed questions concerning any form of crime prevention should be directed to your local police or sheriff's department. Consult your local Extension office for additional crime prevention resources made available by the CRD program.



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