DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENCE: CAUSES AND EFFECTS

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The Pro	oblem of Drug Abuse and Why People Use Drugs	
-	Worksheet1: Understanding Drug Abuse (Student Guide pg. 10)	
-	Define drug abuse as the compulsive use of one or more psychoactive drugs	
•	People begin to use drugs for many different reasons	
-	Drug abuse is a major factor in the spread of infectious diseases, violence and auto	
	fatalities	
•	Drug addiction is a process that begins with the occasional use of tobacco, alcohol or	
	other drugs and develops as a person increases the amount (dosage) to experience	
	the same effects	
•	Lead a discussion and list reasons about why people begin using drugs (Student	
	Guide, pgs. 9 – 10)	
-	The most powerful influence to use drugs comes from people who are drug users	
	themselves	
How D	rug Abuse Starts and Becoming a Drug User	
-	The first drugs people tend to use are those that are most available to them and	
	used by the most people, typically tobacco and alcohol	
-	There is a predictable sequence leading from alcohol and tobacco use to marijuana	
	and the use of hard drugs like cocaine	
•	Initially drug use is limited to social situations like parties or hanging out with peers	
-	Once a pattern of addictive use has started, drug use tends to become a solitary	
	activity where the primary goal is to experience the pharmacologic effects of the	
	drug	
•	Review the Steps Leading to Drug-Abuse	



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Drug A	buse Risk and Reducing the Risk for Drug Abuse	
•	Discussed and defined the concept of risk factors	
•	Having friends who use drugs is a risk factor for becoming a drug user	
•	There are many risk factors, some are greater than others, and the more risk factors	
	you have, the higher your risk for becoming a drug abuser	
•	Worksheet 2: What's My Risk? (Student Guide, pg. 11)	
•	The higher your score the higher your risk	
•	Even people with high risk scores can avoid becoming a drug abuser by taking	
	specific steps to lower their risk	
•	Worksheet 3: Lowering My Risk Factors (Student Guide, pg. 12)	
•	Lead a discussion summarizing the actions identified by the students and adding	
	others. (Teacher's Manual pg. 3.8)	
Session Summary		
•	Summarized key points in the Unit	



MAKING DECISIONS

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Making Decisions and Solving Problems		
 Lead a discussion about recent decisions and their outcomes 		
 Sometimes we make decisions impulsively. It is important to take time when making 		
careful decisions		
The 3C's of Decision-Making and Decision-Making Practice		
 Review the 3 C's of Decision-Making model 		
 Demonstrate the 3 C's of Decision-Making 		
 Worksheet 4: Putting the 3 C's into Practice (Student Guide, p. 16) 		
 Important decisions require time and effort 		
 Conduct in-class practice of the 3 C's of Decision-Making 		
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MEDIA INFLUENCES

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Definir	g Media & How the Media Influences Us	
•	Lead a discussion defining media	
-	The major types of media are television, movies, radio, books, newspapers,	
	magazines, billboards, CDs and the Internet	
-	Media influences our thoughts and opinions	
-	Electronic media (television, the internet) are particularly powerful because they	
	reach millions of people using words and images	
-	Evidence of the power of the media to influence can be found in billions of dollars	
	that advertisers and political candidates spend on media	
Resisti	ng Media Influences	
-	Lead a discussion about the pros and cons of media influence on attitudes, opinions	
	and beliefs	
-	Lead a discussion about how some people can protect themselves from unhealthy or	
	unwanted media influence	
-	Some media influences are healthy, especially when it is an educational tool	
-	In order to protect ourselves from negative media influences, it is first necessary to	
	recognize the powerful impact the media can have on thoughts and actions	
	(attitudes and behaviors)	
-	One way to protect ourselves is to think critically about the messages being	
	presented and their accuracy or the motivation of the person or organization	
	who created the media message	



MEDIA INFLUENCES

Media	Influences to Use Drugs & Resisting Media Drug Influences	
•	Worksheet 5: Looking at Media Influences (Student Guide, p. 20)	
•	Media may present positive or negative information (pharmacologic effects, legal or social consequences, popularity of the drug) about the effects of drug use may influence our thoughts and actions	
•	Media may influence or promote drug use by portraying it as glamorous, popular, cool, or exciting	
•	Characters in media who are seen as popular, attractive or famous may serve as unhealthy role models and be imitated in an attempt to be like them	
	Lead a discussion about recent media they have seen or heard which promoted or glamorized drug use	
•	Review the steps for protecting oneself from being influenced by unhealthy media messages: recognize influences, critically evaluate messages, develop resistance responses	
•	Worksheet 6: Resisting Influences to Use Drugs (Student Guide, p. 21)	
•	We can protect ourselves from media influences to use drugs by avoiding media with an obvious pro-drug bias	
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COPING WITH ANXIETY

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Introduction and Definition of Anxiety	
■ Review definition of Anxiety	
Worksheet 7: Anxiety Self Assessment (Student Guide, pg. 23)	
 Everybody experiences anxiety to one degree or another 	
 Knowing the situations that make us feel anxious can help us be better prepared to cope with them 	
 Review anxiety reduction techniques taught in Middle School Level 2; Life Skills 	
Training Relaxation Exercise, Deep Breathing, Progressive Muscle Relaxation, Mental Rehearsal, Positive Thinking	
 There are a number of techniques you can use. Some involve learning how to reduce 	
the physical symptoms of anxiety and others help control anxiety provoking thoughts	
Review of Techniques & Coping With Anxiety: Skills Application	
 Review the steps for and organize practice of 5 techniques for coping with anxiety (Student Guide pg. 24-26): Relaxation Exercise, Deep Breathing, Hand Warming, and Positive Thinking. Appendix 1 Scenarios (Teacher's Manual, pg. 4.11) and Preparation and Practice 	
 Worksheet 8: Action Plans for Improving My Ability to Cope With Anxiety (Student Guide, pg. 27) 	
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What I	Makes Us Angry and Staying in Control	
•	Worksheet 9: That Makes Me Mad (Student Guide pg. 29)	
•	Different things make different people angry but everyone feels angry sometimes	
•	Just like anxiety, feeling angry has an unpleasant physical reaction	
•	Just like anxiety there are things we can do to control our anger and feel better	
•	Lead a discussion about what happens when people lose control of their anger	
•	Point out that losing control can make the situation worse	
•	If you know what makes you angry and the way your body feels when angry, you can	
	help keep your anger in control	
Techni	ques for Controlling Anger	
•	Reviewed and practiced the steps for techniques for staying in control. Staying in	
	Control (Student Guide, pg. 30)	
•	Some anxiety techniques such as deep breathing and mental rehearsal can help	
	control anger	
•	Worksheet 10: Reframing (Student Guide, pg. 31)	
•	Sometimes things that make us angry have nothing to do with us personally	
•	Changing our view of a situation can change our reaction to it	
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SOCIAL SKILLS

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Introductions & Greeting and Brief Social Exchanges		
 Lead a discussion about why it is important to have healthy social skills 		
 Basic social skills help us have satisfying personal relationships. 		
 People with poor social skills are generally less happy that those who have 		
developed these skills		
 Worksheet 11: Rating My Social Skills (Student Guide pg. 34) 		
 Identify social skills students feel comfortable using 		
 Developing healthy social skills takes practice and by using them everyday you can 		
quickly improve and increase your self-confidence		
Greetings & Brief Social Exchanges and Practicing Greetings		
 Lead a discussion about the importance of greeting someone and generate examples 		
of greetings they use everyday		
 Because greetings are so brief they are a good way to practice overcoming shyness 		
and improving your self confidence		
 Depending on the situation, a greetings may also be a way to start a conversation 		
 Organize and conduct practice of greetings (Teacher's Manual pg. 6.3) 		
Starting a Conversation		
 Review the tips for starting a conversation (Student Guide, pg. 33) and generate 		
additional suggestions for starting conversations		
 Having a conversation with friends or someone you know well is easy because we are 		
more relaxed with people we know		
 Talking with someone you don't know very well or at all is more difficult and these 		
tips can help us kick off a conversation		
Keeping a Conversation Going and Ending a Conversation		
 Review the tips for Keeping a Conversation Going (Student Guide, pg. 33) 		
 Review the tips for Ending a Conversation (Student Guide, pg. 33) 		



SOCIAL SKILLS

Superf	icial vs. "Deep" Conversations	
•	Discuss the difference between superficial and deep conversations	
•	Deep conversations are more personal, emotional, or meaningful	
•	Deep conversations are more difficult and can lead to misunderstandings	
•	Lead a discussion developing examples of deep conversations	
•	Reviewed the Tips for deep Conversation (Student Guide, pg. 35)	
Practi	cing Social Skills	
•	Organize and conduct practice of social skills using situations in the Appendix 1-2	
	(Teacher's Manual, pgs. 6.10 – 6.11)	
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ASSERTIVENESS

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Introduction	
Lead a discussion about:	
 Situations that call for an assertive response 	
 why people find it difficult to stand up for themselves 	
 the difference between assertive and aggressive responses 	
 the advantages of being assertive 	
 There are many reasons why people don't stand up for themselves including not wanting to start an argument or look foolish 	
 Assertiveness means calmly and firmly standing up for your rights or expressing your 	
thoughts and feelings without hurting others	
 There are many advantages to being assertive such as getting what want, personal 	
satisfaction, increased self-esteem, and competency	
Reviews of Verbal Assertive Skills	
 Review and practice the steps for using three refusal skills (Student Guide, pg. 42): 	
 Saying "No": Worksheet 13: Saying "No" (Student Guide, pgs. 40-41) 	
 Making Requests and Asserting Rights: Worksheet 14: Making Requests and 	
Asserting Rights (Student Guide, pg. 44)	
 Expressing Feelings: Worksheet 15: Expressing My Feelings (Student Guide, 	
pg. 45)	
 "I" statements are assertive and an excellent way of letting others know how you 	
feel	
Non-Verbal Assertive Skills	
 Review and practice the use of non-verbal assertive skills. (Student Guide, pg. 42), 	
(Teacher's Manual, pg. 7.7), and Appendix 1: Practice Situations (Teacher's Manual,	
pg. 7.10)	
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RESOLVING CONFLICTS

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Resolv	ing Conflicts		
•	Lead a discussion that develops a definition of conflict resolution	_	
-	Conflict resolution is deciding how to solve an argument or disagreement		
-	Worksheet 16: Conflict Styles (Student Guide, p. 47)		
-	Lead a discussion about conflict resolution styles		
-	Define the terms "confrontation", "avoidance", "compromise" and "problem solving"		
-	There are different ways to solve conflicts and some work better than others. The		
	best approach is not to fight or argue		
•	In most circumstances, problem solving is the best way to resolve conflicts		
•	If a situation is unsafe, avoidance may be the best approach		
•	If a person's rights are being violated, confrontation may be necessary		
Life Skills and Conflict Resolution			
•	Lead a discussion about the types of conflicts typical among kids their age		
•	Review the six steps for conflict resolution learned in Level 2		
•	The skills and techniques that they have been practicing throughout the program can		
	be used to resolve conflicts		
Sugges	ting Compromises and Practice in Conflict Resolution		
•	Lead a discussion that develops a definition of the term "compromise"		
•	Worksheet 17: Let's Compromise (Student Guide, p. 48)		
•	Worksheet 18: What Would You Do? (Student Guide, pg. 49)		
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RESISTING PEER PRESSURE

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Situations Involving Peer Pressure and Guidelines On What To Say	
 Lead a discussion about situations they have seen or heard about involving peer 	
pressure and drugs	
Compile a list of those situations	
 Review the verbal and non verbal components of assertiveness; verbal is what we 	
say and non verbal is how we say it	
 To be effective you should use both verbal and non verbal components 	
 People often give in to peer pressure because they don't know what to say or how to 	
say it	
Worksheet 19: More Ways To Say "No" (Student Guide, p. 52)	
■ There are many ways of saying "no". Saying "no" to drugs is the same as saying "no"	
to anything else	
■ Different people say "no" in different ways	
Practice Resisting Peer Pressure	
 Organize and conduct practice of way to say "no" (Teacher's Manual, Appendix 1, p. 	
9.6)	
 Worksheet 20: Action Plans for Resisting Peer Pressure (Student Guide, p. 54) 	
Session Summary	
■ Summarize the main points of the session	

