

## Statistics of Substance Abuse

- ⊕ The club drugs GHB, ketamine and Rohypnol showed very low levels of use by surveyed Florida students.
- ⊕ Marijuana use prevalence rates dropped in the 11th and 12th grades.
- ⊕ More than half of Florida's surveyed youth reported having used alcohol in their lifetimes.
- ⊕ Students in lower grades (6th, 7th and 8th) reported increased lifetime and past 30 day prevalence rates for marijuana use.

## Featured Speakers:



**Senator Rod Smith**

Florida state senator active in substance abuse related legislation.



**James McDonough**

Director of the Florida Office of Drug Control



**Omar Aleman**

Retired Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent.

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**A Drug Free Community Begins with Me!**

# Regional Drug Summit



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As the United States proceeds into the 21st century, the problems of substance abuse continue to race through American youth like wildfire. Over half of the population of young people in this country have tried an illicit drug by the time they finish high school. To this end, Corner Drug Store, Inc. and the Partners in



Youth teaching youth about the dangers of substance abuse.

Prevention of Substance Abuse Coalition have created the Regional Drug Summit to

create awareness of the dangers and both legal and social ramifications of drug use.

The principal objectives of the Regional Drug Summit are:

◆ To bring about community awareness of the causes, nature and extent of substance abuse and that it is a treatable problem.

- ◆ To provide a forum for exchange of information among practitioners.
- ◆ To assess the continuum of care and identify gaps and needs within that continuum.
- ◆ To dispel the positive image of drugs that certain types of media have portrayed.
- ◆ To address tobacco and its role as a gateway drug.
- ◆ To have a 50% reduction in substance abuse in Alachua County. This also closely ties in with the state of Florida objective of a 50% reduction in substance abuse statewide.

## Organization

The Regional Drug Summit will consist of three tracks; practitioner/professional, community/parent and youth. Each track will be customized to its audience. The professional track will have a panel of members of the local substance abuse treatment and hospital community. The community track will consist of seminars on the Signs and Symptoms of Substance Abuse, Coalition Building, Prescription Fraud, Changing Policy and a panel of parents of recovering substance abusers. The youth track will have a panel of recovering substance abusing youth, a presentation by Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and a presentation about the legal ramifications of drug use presented by a local juvenile judge. This will give the youth the tools they need in order to stay drug free and to teach their peers, who could not attend, these same skills.



Louis Kalivoda, President of the Board of Directors, and Jim Pearce, CEO of Corner Drug Store, Inc.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per person, check or money order only. This includes a continental breakfast, lunch and an ice cream social after lunch and full access to the Summit.

Sheraton Gainesville Hotel is located on US Highway 441 in south Gainesville, Florida just south of 16th Avenue. The address is 2900 SW 13th Street Gainesville FL 32608. Call (352) 377-4000 for directions.



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