

Adolescent Resource Newsletter

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To support professionals involved in the care of young people by signposting useful resources and highlighting opportunities for professional development .

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Disclaimer

Resources detailed here have been identified as potentially useful and whilst every care has been taken to ensure that they are appropriate and/or relevant for adolescents with chronic illness and/or their healthcare providers, the author accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or suitability of their content.

Adolescent Webwatch

FOR PROFESSIONALS

 www.drugs.gov.uk/news

New research from FRANK, the free and confidential drug helpline in the UK, of 1000 11-18 year olds.

- 20% of teenagers say their mates pretend to take drugs,
- almost half of UK teenagers (49%) say the need to fit in with their 'tribe' dictates their group's behaviour.
- A fifth of teens claim that peer pressure leads their friends to pretend to take drugs to look 'cool'.
- boys are twice as likely as girls to say they have taken drugs when they have not.

 www.drugs.gov.uk/NationalStrategy/Diversity/DiversityToolkit

Drugscope Diversity Toolkit

A new range of leaflets have now been produced to help you communicate about drugs and drug misuse with ethnic minority communities.

A CD-ROM containing a range of resources is now available. This forms part of the Drugs: helping ethnic communities understand the issues toolkit.

 www.artsaccessuk.org

Arts Access UK (AAUK) is a new initiative from the The National Disability Arts Forum that will help venues, sites and events promote their accessibility to disabled people throughout the UK.

Funded by Arts Council of England and the Baring Foundation, with support from the Arts Marketing Association and the Independent Theatre Council. AAUK is the first national online database that will provide disabled people globally with a single reference point for access information on the whole of the UK arts and cultural sector.

Further details are available from:


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Adolescent Bookshelf


For Professionals

*****National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services****


The Children's NSF, published on 15 September 2004, sets standards for children's health and social services, and the interface of those services with education. This section is intended to provide information on the development of the NSF. The needs of young people are acknowledged throughout with standard 4 specifically addressing "Growing up into adulthood" Available online at www.dh.gov.uk (using search term Children's NSF)


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 www.disabilitysolutions.org

The current edition of the US-based Disability Solutions newsletter, available on-line is all about the transition to adult life. Disability Solutions is published 6 times yearly by The Enoch-Gelbard Foundation, a nonprofit, private foundation in the US.

Miscellaneous

Free Cinema Tickets for disabled people

The Cinema Exhibitors' Association (CEA) is launching a brand new card that entitles a disabled person's companion to a free cinema ticket.

To qualify you must be in receipt of one or more of the following:
Disabled Person's Railcard; Disability Living Allowance; Registered blind.

The card will cost £35.00 and be valid for three years. The CEA Card is available from 1 October.
For further details:
email: applications@ceacard.co.uk
Tel: 0151 348 8020.

Forthcoming Dates and Meetings for your diary!

NB 1 October 2004 latest part of the Disability Discrimination Act becomes law re: access to public places

4-8 October 2004-09-01 National Walk to School Week

www.livingstreets.org.uk

Tel: 020 7820 1010
Fax: 020 7820 8208
Email: jo@ivingstreets.org.uk

5 –6 October Setting up a service for young people: an overview

(London) £260

This two day course helps workers an understanding of drug misuse amongst young people in the context of youth culture and an awareness of the law, in particular in relation to confidentiality and child protection. Contact: Drugscope Tel: 0207 928 1211 Email: events@drugscope.org.uk

10 October 2004 World Mental Health Day

“The Relationship Between Physical and Mental Health: Co-occurring Disorders.”

For further information: www.wmhday.net

12 October 2004 No more excuses - getting help to reach hard to reach groups

(London) This conference focuses on improving access to and the quality of drug and alcohol services for so called 'hard to reach' groups.

Contact: FDAP: 0870 763 6193
email: conference@fdap.org.uk
Website: www.fdap.org.uk/fdapevents/conf2004.html

13-18 October BackCare Awareness Week

BackCare
Tel 020 8977 5474
Fax: 020 8943 5318
www.backcare.org.uk

October 20 World Osteoporosis Day

Email: info@nos.org.uk
www.nos.org.uk

November 1-7 National Youth Work Week – theme “The Best of Health”

www.nya.org.uk

The National Youth Agency hopes this will give youth organisations the opportunity to highlight the work they do in promoting health among young people. This might involve programmes of sport and adventurous activity, projects that raise awareness of drugs misuse or promote good sexual health, projects dealing with diet and nutrition, activities that focus on mental health or any of the many other youth work activities that address issues of health and well-being.

*****2005 - First Announcement*****

Bridging the Gaps: Health Care for Adolescents

Dates: 6, 13, 27 April & 11 May 2005

A series of 4 study days in Adolescent Health are planned at Birmingham Childrens Hospital, Spring 2005 as part of the University of Birmingham multidisciplinary MSc in Child Health but each day will also be open to any interested party. The series aims to follow the curriculum as proposed by the Euteach model (www.euteach.com) and the Bridging the Gaps document [www.rcpch.ac.uk 2003]

Further details to follow.

Do you know of any other useful resources or opportunities for professional development? If you do, please let us know by email to: j.e.mcdonagh@bham.ac.uk