

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A REVISION AND UPDATE ON

ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INSERVICE TRAINING MATERIALS

ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

TO

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MEMO TO: The Honorable Charles S. Robb
Members of the General Assembly

FROM: S. John Davis, Superintendent of Public Instruction

This is in response to House Joint Resolution No. 99 requesting the Department of Education to revise and update its technical assistance and inservice training materials on drug and alcohol abuse. The following activities have been or are being carried out by the Department.

1. Conducted substance abuse workshops for 120 teachers and administrators at the Blue Ridge I School Health Education Conference, July 11-16, 1982. This conference was sponsored by funding from the Departments of Education, Health and Mental Health and Mental Retardation. A similar conference is planned for 300 - 400 participants June 26 - July 1, 1983.
2. Conducted an inservice training workshop for 259 driver education teachers October 8-9, 1982 on alcohol, drugs and driving. This conference was funded by the Department of Transportation Safety/ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
3. Fourteen regional workshops to be conducted in February, March and April for elementary principals, secondary health education teachers and driver education classroom teachers to provide current information, materials and inservice on alcohol and drug abuse.
4. Revision and distribution of Virginia Resource Guide for Drug Education, Grades K-12.
5. Revision of Alcohol/Drugs and Driving and inservice in the use of the guide in regional workshops for driver education teachers.
6. Development and distribution of video tapes and teaching materials on the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in regional workshops.

7. Biennial survey of principals to assess the amount of substance abuse among school age students in April, 1983.
8. Investigating the feasibility of reactivating the SODA program concept (Students Organized for Developing Attitudes) in the local divisions for peer and cross-age counseling.
9. Invitations have been extended to teacher training institutions to send representatives to regional workshops to keep them abreast of latest information on substance abuse. The establishment and/or updating of resource centers in their institutions will be discussed at these meetings.

The staff will continue to work with other agencies in providing the technical assistance requested from local divisions.

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