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TASRO adopts new drug and alcohol prevention curriculum

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Association of School Resource Officers (TASRO) recently adopted a new drug and alcohol prevention curriculum titled "It's Party Time and it's no game". "It's Party Time" is a seven session drug & alcohol prevention curriculum for students 6th grade and up. It's a simulator in the form of a board game that lets kids experience the financial, social and health consequences of using tobacco, drugs and alcohol. The curriculum is designed for a maximum class of 30 students. The class divides up into six teams and is assigned a drug of choice which includes: Meth, Prescription Pills, Alcohol, Marijuana, Tobacco, and Non-User.

Each team is required to manage a budget which includes selecting their home, auto and fun & leisure activities. They attempt to maintain their lifestyle while experiencing the consequences of their specific drug of choice.

The curriculum includes a pre-test, post-test, a class DVD presentation about addiction and a one hour take home DVD for parents to keep which answers six key questions about drugs and addiction.

The program connects the three most important authority figures responsible for raising drug free kids. The school, law enforcement and most importantly the parents. The program is not just asking parents to talk to their kids about drugs but is arming them with the information which gives them the confidence to address the issue.

It's Party Time was created by Dawson County, Georgia Sheriffs' Deputy, Lieutenant Tony Wooten. Officer Wooten has piloted the program for the past two years with outstanding reviews from the school administration, students, parents and fellow law enforcement. The Georgia Sheriff's Association adopted the curriculum as their official statewide drug and alcohol prevention program for middle schools. In Texas, it was piloted by Officer Dan Hicks of the Snyder Police Department and the Snyder Schools have decided to implement the program for all 7th and 9th graders in Snyder Schools.

The It's Party Time curriculum exceeds the CDC's School Health Education Resources (SHER) and the National Health Education Standards (NHES) requirements. The standards provide a framework for curriculum development and selection, instruction, and student assessment in health education.

For more information about "It's Party Time" or to order, visit the TASRO website at www.tasro.org.

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ABOUT TASRO

The Texas Association of School Resource Officers (TASRO) is a 501(C)(6) not-for-profit organization for school based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school safety/security personnel. The goal of TASRO is to provide a strong working relationship between the law enforcement community and the school community to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff at each and every school campus in Texas. TASRO is a member of the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) maintaining the same philosophy of providing the most expert training available to school resource officers, school staff, and students.

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