How Youth and Family Fight Drugs Together in Thailand Dr. Apasiri Suwannanon, NGO-ANCC Thailand



How Youth Involving in Drugs.

- Teens who never taken drugs, but engage in other **risky behaviors** such as drinking, smoking, are more likely to use drugs.
- The addicts family members and deviant peers directly predicted illicit drug use, while positive family relationship mediated their impact of drug use.
- Healthy family will protect adolescents from delinquent behaviors, including drug problems.

How Youth Involving in Drugs

- The positive family relationships can counteract risks factors such as addicted family members, exposure to violence and deviant peers who associated with drug use.
- The poor familial environment and misbehaving friends are strong predictors of substance problems in youths.
- The strategies to help youths with drugs problems can be more effective by addressing family, schools and peer contexts.

How Youth Fight Against Drugs

- Press Conference.
- Exhibition.
- Magic shows.
- Computer game contests.
- TV shows.
- Panel discussion.
- Poster painting competition.
- Youth camps.
- Sport against drugs.

How Family Fight Against Drugs

- Good role model.
- Family group.
- Family counseling.
- Family resource person.
- Positive family relationship.
- Positive family environment.

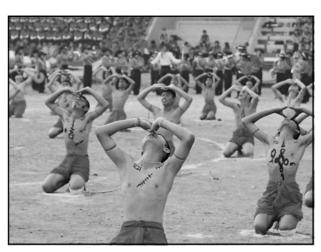
NGO-ANCC Activities for Family and Youth to Fight Against Drugs.

- Family and Youth Training for Resource Person.
- Youth and Family Counseling in Schools.
- Youth and Family Anti-drug Campaign Media.
- Home Visit for Youth and Family Counseling.
- Anti-drug Camp for Youth and Family.
- Sport Against Drugs in Schools and Communities.
- Research for Family Factors Related to Adolescents Drug Use.





























NGO-ANCC Research 2009

- Cause factors of drug abuse in Thai Youth can be divided into two main factors:
 - **■** Environment Factors
 - Personal Factors

Environment factors

- Lots of **drug production recourses** in community.
- Family Problems.
- Friends addicted to drugs.
- Living in community concerned to drug.

Personal factors

- Youth's unpleasant personality. (such as violence, anti-social personality)
- Youth 's **behavior** that can lead to drug abuse . (such as lack of self-esteem and self- confident)
- Youth's misbelieve and incorrect value about drug. (such as lack of life skill and easily following friends)

Drug Prevention and Solution in Youth

- Strictly law enforcement on drug import.
- Strengthening family relationship.
- Strengthening communities 'co-operation.
- Social arrangement.
- Drug-free area in schools.
- Building drug immunity in Youth.

D.A.R.E project in Thailand

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education project (D.A.R.E.) is still organized in Thailand with the cooperation of:
 - Thai Royal Police.
 - School Administration.
 - Provincial organization.
 - Parent.



D.A.R.E Activities in Thailand



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Confession of a Teenager Drug Addict

■ "I want every parent in the world to know and understand teenagers. If I can only stop one child taking drugs or help a parent to understand their child on drugs, I would be happy "Gor (former teenager drug addict)

