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The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc.

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FALL GENERAL MEETING

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"The best way to affect supply is to reduce demand for drugs...Our administration believes the solution is found at the local level, through community coalitions, where people of good faith and good heart come together, people from all walks of life in the communities around America, come together with the dedicated proposition that through hard work and love, we can convince kids not to use drugs."

President George W. Bush
May, 2001

Youth Focus Forum A Reality Check

October 11, 85 community leaders and area youth gathered in the Sc Board meeting room to respond to a series of questions. The event w organized by SAPC Board members Meriam Kling and Dana Evers a facilitated by Danny Myers and Courtney Stuhley of the Sarasota County Hea Department. A summary of the latest results of the School Boards' Youth Risk Behavior Survey was made available to attendees. Below are a few of the responses made to questions such as: *Why do teens use drugs, and what are s alternatives to drinking and other drug use?* For a complete report of the comments made at the forum contact the SAPC office.

Teens Say:

Drug use can start between the ages of 11 - 14.

We have a need to escape and feel good. We don't believe anything bad will happen. We imitate the adults in our lives.

Drugs of choice for local teens:
Ecstasy (difficult to detect by parents)
Medications and inhalants found in the house
Marijuana (easy to get)
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