

# THE PARENTING WISELY PROGRAM



Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) has been awarded two grants (Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities and a State Incentive Grant) from RI MHRH's Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services to replicate a SAMHSA Model Program - *Parenting Wisely*.

*Parenting Wisely* is an interactive CD-ROM program designed for parents of adolescents. Parenting Wisely requires parents to have neither previous computer experience nor the ability to read (the computer reads all text aloud). The Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities program will also provide Behavioral Systems Family Therapy.

The program will serve youth and their families referred from schools, police departments, faith-based organizations, Juvenile Hearing Boards, Truancy Courts and other community based organizations as well as self-referred families in the communities of Warwick, West Warwick, East Greenwich, Cranston and Coventry. It is anticipated that the program will serve 160 youth and their families per year.

Many youngsters referred to this program are at risk for poor school attendance, performance, family problems, substance abuse, gang membership, violence and delinquent behavior. Program partners include: Westbay Community Action, Salve Regina University-Social Work Department, URI Community Research & Services Team, RI MHRH, and Juvenile Hearing Boards of Warwick, West Warwick, East Greenwich, Cranston and Coventry.

To help determine the effectiveness of our interventions, an independent program evaluation will be conducted by Salve Regina University.

If you have any questions about this or other CCAP programs or services, contact Annie Geddis or Dana Taylor at 467-9610



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