

# Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development

*The mission of the coalition is to promote a community environment that empowers children to positively shape their lives.*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Plainville has joined the **Community of Concern (COC)**. COC is a partnership of parents, students, schools, and other organizations, working together to keep youth free from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. COC has exploded on the national scene from a grassroots initiative at Georgetown Preparatory School in the greater Washington, DC area.

Members of COC share a commitment to educate parents in several ways - through the distribution of the booklet, "*A Parent's Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use*," an on-line interactive course on the COC's website, and by sponsoring parent and student education programs in school communities.

In the Hartford area, schools in the towns of Canton, Avon, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, the CT. Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking, Avon Old Farms School, East Catholic High School, and Kingswood-Oxford are among the 42 Connecticut schools and organizations that are already COC members.

By distributing this booklet to parents, we hope to achieve three goals:

- 1. Keep the spotlight on the issue of substance abuse prevention within the parent/school community***
- 2. Continue to emphasize the Plainville school district's priority to help our students avoid alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, and***
- 3. Ensure that all Plainville families are aware of the Plainville Community Schools Drug, Tobacco, and Alcohol policy, and have a resource for families to make safe, healthy decisions.***

Being a Community of Concern enables us to coordinate our efforts to protect our children. Parents in partnership with schools and other organizations can work together in a comprehensive, community-based prevention effort to eliminate underage drinking and illicit drug use.

Please read the enclosed booklet, explore the Community of Concern Web site [www.thecommunityofconcern.org](http://www.thecommunityofconcern.org), take the on-line course, and support programs sponsored by the Plainville Community of Concern.

If you would like to join the COC, please contact Roberta Brown at 793-0221 x261 , or [brown@plainville-ct.gov](mailto:brown@plainville-ct.gov), or Lynn Davis at 793-3210 x404, [davisl@plainvilleschools.org](mailto:davisl@plainvilleschools.org).

Sincerely,

The Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development