

ARCH Meeting Notes
Friday, March 5, 2004, 9:00 AM
Held at the offices of The Coad Group, Exton

- Seventeen people attended the community ARCH meeting.
- Discussion of Youth Survey. TESD has not utilized the “family domain” questions when giving the survey to our district youth every-other year. The discussion centered around “what might we be missing?” when not using the family domain. The Coad Group representatives (L. Heikkila, T. Kenworthy) discussed the protective factors and the risk factors that are evaluated in the youth survey results. (Protective Factors and Risk Factors are looked at in each of these 4 areas: Community Domain, Family Domain, School Domain, and Peer-Individual Domain). ARCH has received 1 written response to our question about whether we recommend to TESD that the Family Domain Section be included in the survey. We ask that others who have an opinion respond via email to Ellen Moeller and Bonnie Lyon at INFO@ARCHcares.org. ARCH plans to submit a written recommendation to the district by the end of this school year.
- A question was raised about alcohol use and binge drinking at the high school and college age levels—is there a difference between European youth (who may be raised with alcohol use) and American youth (who are not legally permitted to drink until age 21)? The Coad Group will look for research studies done on this topic.
- R. Fetter, of The Coad Group, discussed the various roles in which Coad participates as a community resource:
 1. Information and Referral Resource,
 2. Prevention Resource,
 3. Operates a large resource library, with over 120 pieces of literature. They can get unlimited quantities of some literature, if we would like pamphlets for a specific purpose. They can also help an organization (like ARCH) to set up its own resource center.
 4. Provide speakers for speaking engagements,
 5. Coad attends community health fairs and sits on 30 coalitions in Chester County (like ARCH),
 6. Assists with prevention workshops, mini- grant proposals, helps school districts to set up student assistance programs,
 7. Works directly with student groups,
 8. Coordinates the Youth Survey that is administered in Chester Co. school districts.
 9. Provides training for trainers in multiple programs such as “Kids on the Block,” “Babes,” etc.
- The Coad Group also offers a full range of mental health referral resources, as well.

- The Coad Group is involved in the training of the student assistance services that are available at each of TESD's middle schools and Conestoga High School. (Known as "Care Team" and "Trust Team.") ARCH may invite The Coad Group to speak at one of our meetings about this process in TE.
- ARCH will have an information table at the VFMS Family Fun Night, March 5, 2004, from 6:15 PM- close. We will have bi-fold display posters, information brochures for middle-school age students and their parents, ARCH literature including our brochure, ARCH party guideline contracts, and sign-up opportunity for ARCH email information. We will also play a video entitled, "The Myths About Marijuana."
- The plan will be to have a similar presence at other school district events in the spring, including the TEMS family night, and the elementary school spring fairs and carnivals. We will also have a table at the public walk-through for the After-Prom Celebration at Conestoga High School (May22).
- The Coad Group is offering several trainings and community prevention workshops this spring. Contact Terry Kenworthy at The Coad Group, 610-363-6164 or email E. Moeller at INFO@ARCHcares.org for more information.
- The next community ARCH meeting will be held on Friday, March 26, 2004 at 8:30 AM at the Education Services Center, Berwyn. This meeting will replace the April meeting. Please come prepared to plan the staffing of the various information tables to be used at school district events. If there are other community events we should consider having an ARCH table for, let us know!
- ARCH is featured in the recent T/E Insight Publication (2/2004). ARCH members who reside in Tredyffrin are encouraged to respond to the survey in the recent Tredyffrin Township Newsletter about parks/ free space use.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Ellen Moeller
 ARCH Secretary

Questions or corrections to these notes can be directed to INFO@ARCHcares.org