

ARCH Meeting Notes

May 7, 2004

- The meeting was held at 8:30 AM, at the ESC. Ten people attended.
- **Spring Presentations.** ARCH will have information tables at the following events in the TE school district: New Eagle and Valley Forge Spring Fairs (5/7); Devon Spring Fair (5/27); and Hillside and Beaumont Spring Fairs (June 4). Also, there will be an info table at the CAPCO walk-through on May 22. ARCH brochures, party guidelines and age appropriate books and pamphlets will be on display and available. ***Volunteers who set up these tables are reminded to document how many people we serve and how many brochures are given out.***
- **Coad training courses and workshops.** ARCH is sending 5 members to attend training sessions sponsored by The Coad Group this spring.
- **ARCH is positioning to recommend a combined prom.** ARCH members discussed the after prom party (CAPCO) which is annually hosted by the parents of the Junior Class for Juniors and their dates. It is designed to be a safe, chaperoned party held after the Junior Prom at the high school. ARCH members are interested in using the resources for this endeavor for the benefit of the Seniors after the Senior Prom, as well. ARCH members would like to encourage the school district to move to holding a single prom, or if two proms, then hosting them on the same night, so that Juniors and Seniors can benefit from the resources that are being utilized to promote safe choices on a night that is considered traditionally risky in the lives of high school students. There are multiple issues to consider in making such a recommendation. B. Lyon, P. Clark, and L. Koropey will meet with the administration after researching possible venues, what choices other districts have made, what position faculty class advisors take, and what position parents of present 9th and 10th graders take. ARCH will also present this issue to the District Safety Committee.
- ARCH will research an **educational/prevention program** that is coordinated through the Coad Highway Safety department.
- **Youth Survey Results.** The TE school District has not gotten the 2003 survey results, but they are expected no later than June. ARCH will again host a public forum for communicating the results of the survey. We would like to use the Upper Main Line YMCA Carriage House again and will ask L. Hiekkila to be the presenter. We will choose a date soon (in Oct or Nov). **The date has been selected: Monday, November 8 at 7:30PM at the Carriage House, UMLY.**
- The Coad Group, on behalf of Chester County Drug & Alcohol Services, would like to run a 1-hour focus group and survey to explore what members of this community perceive to be **the risk factors that contribute to substance abuse**. This focus group is part of the County's "Prevention Risk Assessment" and will be utilized to develop their future drug and alcohol prevention plan. ARCH members discussed using **the next ARCH meeting** for this forum. Date: **Friday, June 11, 2004, 9:00 AM, Education Services Center, Berwyn.** Please join us and take this opportunity to share your concerns and strengths specific to our community.
- L. Boyle announced that TEMS has donated \$125 to ARCH. L. Brown will approach VFMS for a donation.
- Annual ARCH information /party guidelines contract mailing will be made in the fall of 2004—hopefully attached to regular school mailings.
- **NEXT ARCH MEETING: Friday, June 11, 2004, 9:00 AM, Educational Services Center, Berwyn**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Moeller, Secretary

Contact me at Info@ARCHcares.org with corrections or questions.