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Working to Keep Kids Alcohol and Drug Free

The following is a summary of ARCH meeting announcements (January 4, 2006) for liaisons who attend PTO meetings, High School Parent Meetings, and other connecting groups.

- We held an informal discussion about the CARE TEAM process at Conestoga High School and in the 2 district middle schools. Today's young people are often confronted with a variety of problems that can interfere with their ability to succeed in school. Such issues might include stress, anxiety, peer relationships, family concerns, depression, substance abuse, and eating disorders. The CARE TEAM is composed of trained school faculty, administrators, and counselors who are prepared to respond to referrals that are made by anyone in the community, including friends, or by the student himself. A careful assessment and plan for intervention, when indicated, is conducted. Each and every referral is taken seriously and responded to with care and compassion. CARE TEAM brochures are available for hand out and are on the TESD website at <http://tesd.k12.pa.us/stoga/Care05-06.pdf>.
- In Chester County, drug and alcohol information and referral can be obtained 24 hours a day by calling 1-866-286-3767. All calls are private and confidential.
- The ARCH Youth Outreach committee is planning The Second Annual "Midterm Madness Garage Band Jam." It will be held on **Thursday, January 26, 2006, from 7:30 – 10:30 PM, in the Conestoga High School Cafeteria.** Admission is \$5 and is open to Conestoga students, with student ID. Four bands will be featured and refreshments will be provided with admission. **Volunteers who can help with chaperoning and donating refreshments are encouraged to contact Pat Clark at PattyC39@comcast.net.**
- The ARCH School and Community Partnerships Committee is seeking **volunteers for preparing and staffing the CHS Boys Basketball game on January 31, 2006.** The theme will be **"Be a Smartie when you Party...Be Alcohol Free."** We will be handing out the candy "Smarties" and a book mark with an alcohol free message + we will be providing PSAs during the game. **To volunteer, contact Lisa Lenker at lmlenks@comcast.net.**

The next community ARCH meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2006 from 8:30 – 10:00 AM, at the ESC Building, Berwyn.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Co-Chairs, Ellen Moeller (ELLMOE@aol.com) and Loretta Boyle (LABOYLE40@aol.com) for more information.