



PARENTS *EMPOWERING* PARENTS

PeP talk

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Executive Director's Message

Members of the PEP Society and program participants take time out to share their experiences and the experiences of their families with others who may be in need of community support. Getting the word out on PEP Society programs creates community awareness of the issues surrounding drug abuse and creates hope that comes from the strength of community support.

PEP Society actively seeks out opportunities to reach families and also to bring awareness of community needs to government.

Through advocacy, PEP Society was instrumental in bringing in the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs (PChad) legislation. This legislation enables parents to seek a court order to place a child into a mandatory detox treatment program for five days.

In June, PChad was amended to enable mandatory treatment to 10 days, or 15 days with a judge's extension.

Amending the PChad legislation was a good step. Ten to 15 days in treatment is not a panacea, but those days can be effective in interrupting a drug addiction and providing a chance for youth to reconnect with their families and begin to have hope for their future.

Still more needs to be done. More detox treatment programs and facilities are required to address the growing number of situations that affect our youth, our families and our communities.

Parents searching for help, need resources to protect their children from drug abuse. That is what we are here to provide. We welcome your attendance at our meetings and support for our programs.

Maralyn Benay,
Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

Love You Forever — September 28, Festival Place, Sherwood Park

Join us for our 1st annual Love You Forever Event at Festival Place in Sherwood Park. PEP is hosting this evening for people who have lost a loved one to an addiction or those with a loved one in an addiction to come together in respect, to share sorrows, and remember. A candle light service will be held from 7 - 9 pm on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Please feel comfortable to bring a keepsake of your loved one, if you choose.

For more information, call PEP Society at 780-410-8516.



Fundraising - Program Support

Fundraising is a necessity for PEP Society. It is through the generous donations and grants that the society is able to employ qualified, professional facilitators to guide our meetings and to provide valuable and constructive advice to parents, youth and MEDD participants.

If you, or your organization, would like to support our programs, donations can be made directly to PEP Society, which is a registered charity (No. 843200270RR0001), or directed to us through the United Way.

Donations can also be made by going to our website at pepsociety.ca and then clicking on the Canada Helps icon.



PEP Programs

Parent Support

Parent support meetings are a key component of the services provided by the PEP Society. Meetings are held weekly for families that need help in coping with the pressures and stresses when a child has become involved in drugs. Support ranges from dealing with the abuser to navigating through the legal system. Meetings are held in Edmonton and Sherwood Park on alternating Tuesday evenings.

For more immediate support, please call PEP's Parent Support Line at 780-293-0737.

U-Turn for youth

U-Turn for youth is a supportive program for adolescents and young adults who have decided to quit using drugs or alcohol and are struggling with recovery. U-Turn is professionally facilitated and runs concurrently with parent support meetings at Strathcona County Hall.

MEDD

The Motivational Experience for Drug Dealer (MEDD) program is a court-supported award winning program based on the principles of restorative justice. MEDD motivates those convicted of drug offences to examine their lifestyle and to commit to the betterment of the community and themselves. Participants are referred by the courts and probation officers and must attend scheduled meetings, which are held in both Edmonton and Sherwood Park.

Upcoming Meetings

Millwoods
Sunrise Community
Church

September 25
October 9
October 23
November 6
November 20
December 4
December 18

Sherwood Park
Strathcona County Hall

October 2
October 16
October 30
November 13
November 27
December 11

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