

Programs for Education and Skill Building

Youth today lack stable programs that prevent them from engaging in at-risk behavior, such as alcohol abuse, unsafe sex, and communication barriers.

Issues Facing Youth Today

- ◊ 44% of teens in Jefferson Davis Parish have had sex (teenbirth.parish).
- ◊ 72% of teen girls and 28% teen boys were diagnosed with STD's, in Louisiana out of 9,600 (LA Department of Health).
- ◊ According to pire.org, Louisiana students from grades 9-12 reported 20% had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, binge drinking, in the past 30 days.
- ◊ 39% of teens had at least one drink on one or more occasions in the past 30 days (pire.org).

More Communication, Less Risk

- ◊ Prevention Group
- ◊ Buddy System
- ◊ Abstinence Program in Junior High and Health Education in High School
- ◊ Student-Parent workshop