

National Council on Drug Abuse

Field Services Department Activities & Plans (January – March 2007)

Overview of Activities & Plans

1. **Training of Ministry Of Health PLACE (Priority for Local AIDS Control Effort) Workers in Substance Abuse Education & its link to HIV/AIDS - January 2007**
 - a. Training with the PLACE workers from the Ministry of Health.– Presentations were made by O’Neil Smith (Regional Manager – Eastern Region), Howard Gough (Richmond Fellowship & Dr. Walcott (Ward 21 – UHWI).
 - b. Training through exposure in the field will continue with the PLACE workers into February 2007.
2. **CPTC Weekly Magazine Programme “RAP TIME” – A television discussion programme for young people**
 - Regional Manager for the Eastern Region Mr. O’Neil Smith participated in this 1 hour programme on January 18, 2007. Programme will be aired on local cable network CTV (Creative Television) in the coming weeks.
3. **PEP Workshop held in MOEY Region 4.** Workshop was conducted with over 50 Counselors from Hanover, Westmoreland and St. James
4. **Dissemination of Information from the 2006 National School Survey done by Miss Sislyn Malcolm, Director of Field Services– Portland, January 24, 2007**
5. **Presentations / RAP Sessions throughout the regions**
 - Kenneth Scott (Officer S- Central Region) shared at Waltham Baptist Church (St. Ann’s) Community Symposium on “Effects of Drug on the Community” - January 11, 2007
 - Director of Field Services, Sislyn Malcolm shared at the Women’s Movement Drug Awareness Forum in St. Ann’s – January 12, 2007
 - Waltham All Age School – Girls’ Day” – presentation made on “Effects of Smoking” – January 18, 2007
 - Presentation to approx. 60 Students at Askensih All Age in Hanover – January 18, 2007
 - Presentation by Ms. Shirley Platt (Field Officer) on the work of the Agency at the Police Youth Club/Neighborhood Watch Council Meeting (Westmoreland) – January 19, 2007
 - Presentation to JAMAL (Lifelong Learning Foundation) students (Bethel Baptist) on “Consequences of Substance Abuse” – January 25, 2007

- Denham Town High school – Substance Abuse education presentation to students on February 16, 2007. Focus ‘Smoking’.
- Presentation and display at the SDC (Social Development Commission) Community Health Fair – February 16, 2007 in Spanish Town
- Presentation to Post-Natal Clinic at the Bethel Baptist Church on ‘Consequences of Smoking on Children’
- Substance Abuse officers to share at the H.F.L.E Fair as resource persons re: Recovering Addicts. – Set for January 26, 2007 at the Sam Sharpe Teachers College – Montego Bay. An exhibition is to be mounted at this event.
- Presentation at Mount Salem Primary Boys’ Day under theme. “Empowering tomorrow’s men today” – January 26, 2007
- Mount and man exhibition at the Western Regional Health Authority - Public Education Exhibition Re: Safe Sex week - February 14, 2007 – Sam Sharpe Square
- March 1. Mount Public exhibition at the Annual 4H Club achievement day in the Western region

6. Other Community Based Activities

- Training in Life Skill Education resumed at the Spring Village Vocational Training Center in St. Catherine on January 9, 2007
- In Hope Bay and Folly in Portland – Group Counselling sessions with 9 boys began in January 2007.
- January 2007 - Eltham Park, St. Catherine – assessment sessions to be held with existing drug addicts
- Counselling services offered at a Drop In Centre, established by Officer in Savanna-lamar, Westmoreland continues
- Manchester Field Officers picks up activities in the JA-STYLE programme – using workshops, presentations, youth rallies and expos planned – throughout January to March focus on Substance Abuse. Activities will take place in various groups such as churches and schools.