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Northeast Community Challenge Coalition

New resolution introduced naming Feb. 10-16 National Drug Prevention and Education Week

A resolution designating Feb. 10-16, 2008 as National Drug Prevention and Education Week was introduced in January.

Chair and co-chair of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-DE) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) introduced the resolution that encourages communities to conduct activities and programs about the dangers of drug use to educate youth and parents.

General Arthur T. Dean, Chairman and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, applauded the senators for focusing national attention on the critical role that drug prevention and education—especially when combined with comprehensive community coalitions—plays in keeping kids drug-free.

“With more youth now turning to prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and the overall rate of illicit drug use still unacceptably high, education and community-wide prevention strategies are more critical now than ever,” he said in a CADCA press release.

Prevention and intervention, designed to reduce risk and enhance protective factors, can assist with childhood development, as shown by more than 20 years of research.

Community coalitions, like NECC, organize and develop comprehensive plans to achieve population-level changes in local drug problems by utilizing multiple strategies across multiple sectors of the community.

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