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MEDIA ADVISORY

NATION'S LEADING PREVENTION RESEARCHERS TO RELEASE NEW FINDINGS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AMONG COLLEGE KIDS, ECSTASY AND HIV, TEEN DRINKING & DRIVING, OBESITY AND ADOLESCENTS, AND OTHER CHALLENGES

Leading researchers in prevention science will meet May 25-27, 2005 **at the Hyatt Regency Hotel (400 New Jersey Avenue, NW) in Washington, D.C.** to release new research on many topics, including how college students get and use prescription drugs; how the use of the drug Ecstasy can increase sexual encounters and HIV risk; why teenagers let their friends drink and drive; and what adolescents think about food choices in the school in the face of obesity.

The 2005 annual meeting of Society for Prevention Research (www.preventionresearch.org) will also present innovative ways that prevention programs can be implemented by schools; local, state and federal agencies; community organizations; advocacy groups; physicians and counselors.

More than 275 researchers will present the latest findings of their work on prevention science, answering questions such as:

- How many children are on pain medication and are they taking the drugs or selling them?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005painmeds.pdf>) (May 25, 3:15 PM)
- Is the drug Ecstasy moving from the gay club scene to raves and other dance events frequented by teenage heterosexuals? (<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005ecstasy.pdf>) (May 25, 1:30 PM)
- Its prom season: Why don't young people confide in adults if a friend is doing something harmful?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005drink&drive.pdf>) (May 27, 1:30 PM)
- Sure obesity is a problem, but what do kids think about it?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005obesity.pdf>) (May 26, 1:30 PM)
- How do changes in the brain influence teenagers' tendency to take risks?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005teenbrains.pdf>) (May 25, 3:15)
- Does the church have a role in preventing suicide among African Americans?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005suicideandchurches.pdf>) (May 26, 10:30 AM)
- Is it at all possible to prevent drinking on college campuses?
(<http://www.preventionresearch.org/2005campusdrinking.pdf>) (May 26, 3:15 PM)

WHEN: May 25-27, 2005

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue (Capitol Hill), N.W., Washington, D.C.

WHO: David Hawkins, Ph.D., President, Society for Prevention Research

The Society for Prevention Research is an international organization focused on the advancement of science-based prevention programs and policies through empirical research. The membership of the organization includes scientists, practitioners, advocates, administrators and policymakers who are concerned with the prevention of social, physical and mental health problems and the promotion of health, safety and well being.

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