



TEACHING KIDS TO RESIST DRUGS & VIOLENCE

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D.A.R.E. to Know...D.A.R.E. News

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On Monday, June 23, 2011, eight D.A.R.E. personnel including members of the D.A.R.E. America staff, officers, and students joined Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke, White House Cyber Security Coordinator Howard Schmidt, and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano at the White House to recognize the PSA Challenge winners for the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Campaign.



In an attempt to stay current with child safety needs in recent years, D.A.R.E. has added the focus of Internet Safety (safeguarding children against child predators, “sexting” and more) to its agenda through supplemental curricula. And, in 2009, D.A.R.E. expanded that focus to include Cyber Security as a whole, educating children and adults on the importance of safeguarding personal information. These efforts began when D.A.R.E. first met with the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) to discuss the update and integration of cyber security curricula, which lead to a pilot program in middle schools one year later.

In 2011, D.A.R.E. joined the Department of Homeland Security in its effort to promote the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Campaign to help spread the word about the importance of safety and security online. D.A.R.E. has assisted Homeland Security by posting campaign messages, including the announcement of a PSA challenge, on Facebook, and through its mailing database, as well as welcoming the Department to D.A.R.E.’s 2011 National Conference in Nashville, TN as an exhibitor and presenter.

D.A.R.E. looks forward to continuing to work with DHS and NCSA on these important efforts to keep our children and America safe. [Read more](#)

Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program Launched in Kazakhstan



D.A.R.E.'s influence around the world continues to expand. Earlier this year the first D.A.R.E. training for law enforcement personnel in the Kingdom of Bahrain was conducted. On June 13th a D.A.R.E. Officer Training commenced in Astana, Kazakhstan. Twenty-nine School Inspectors from the Kazakhstan Ministry of Interior concluded their D.A.R.E. training on June 24th. The training is a cooperative effort between D.A.R.E. International, the U.S. Embassy in Astana, and the Ministries of Interior, Education, and Health of Kazakhstan. While in country, the U.S. training also conducted public presentations in Borovoe, Karaganda, Astana, and the U.S. Embassy in Astana. [Read More](#)

24th Annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference in Nashville, July 26-28



Beginning on July 26th, more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and educators from virtually every state America and a dozen countries around the world – including Brazil, Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua – will meet in Nashville, Tennessee for the 24th Annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference. During the conference, attendees will receive training in

D.A.R.E.'s new elementary school curriculum – **keepin' it Real** (kiR). **kiR** is an innovative, culturally grounded, multicultural curriculum that teaches youth the skills they need to refuse drug offers and engage in other high-risk behaviors. The skills (Refuse, Explain, Avoid, Leave) prepare children to act decisively, confidently, and comfortably by teaching them how to say no in difficult situations. Students also learn how to recognize risk, value their perceptions and feelings, and make choices that support their values. [Read More](#)

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