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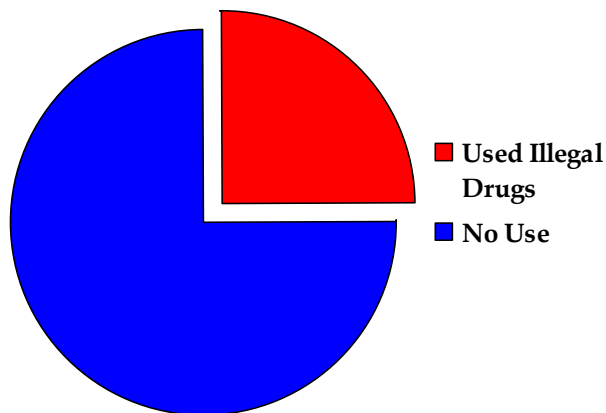
A network of parents preventing
their children and teenagers
from initiating alcohol, tobacco,
and illegal drug use
(hereafter “drug use”).



Why do we need a Parent Corps?

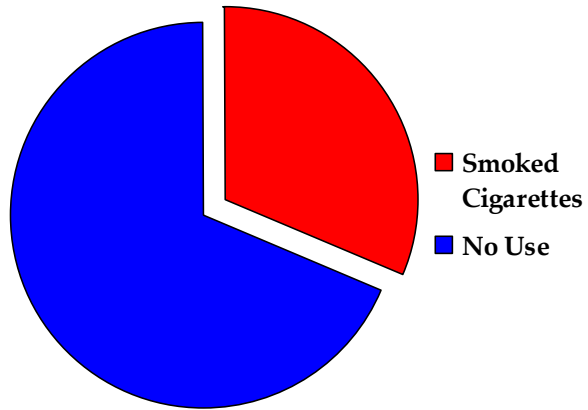


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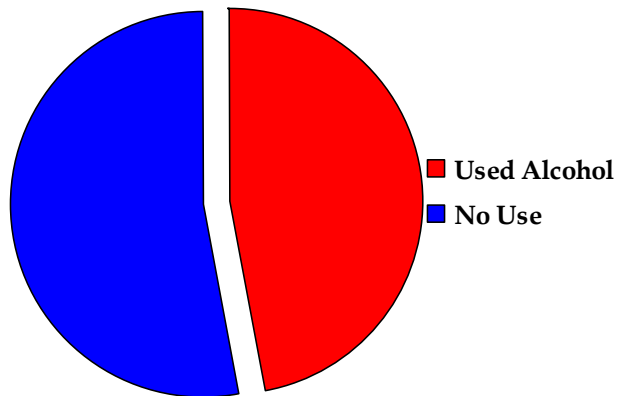




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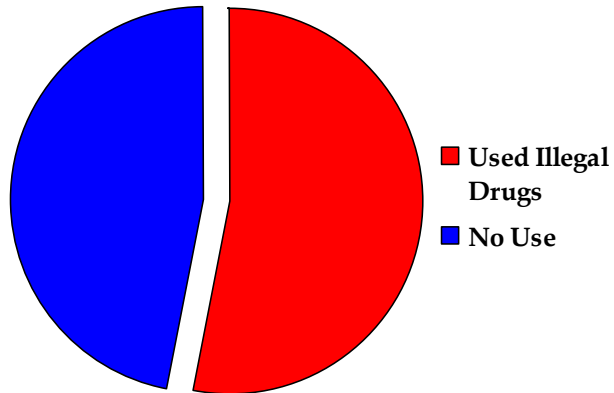


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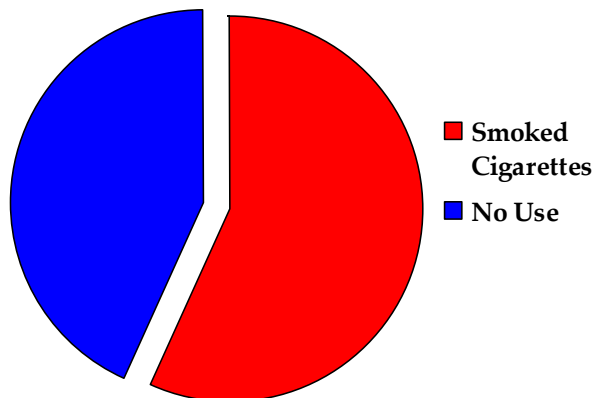




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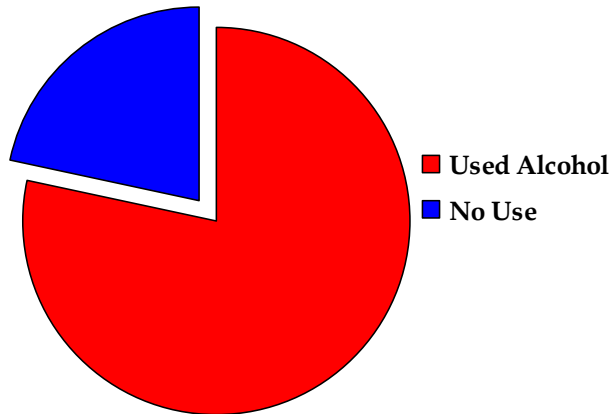


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Why parents?

Parent Corps parents understand:

1. Adolescent brain development places teens at special risk for initiation of drug use, development of addiction.



Why parents?

Parent Corps parents understand:

2. Drugs impair adolescents' academic, emotional, and social development.



Why parents?

Parent Corps parents understand:

3. Drugs induce adolescents to engage in other risky behaviors that can lead to:
 - unwanted pregnancies
 - sexually transmitted diseases
 - mental illness
 - accidents
 - suicides and other deaths



What does the Parent Corps do?

Trains parents to form parent drug-prevention groups to protect their children from drug use.



What do Parent Groups do?

1. Use the power of the group to set age-appropriate ground rules for teenagers and then help each other enforce those ground rules.



Parent Groups

2. Strengthen their families.



Parent Groups

3. Identify environmental problems that encourage adolescents to use drugs and take action to modify or eliminate those problems.



Parent Groups

4. Provide healthy, safe, drug-free alternative activities for teens.



How does the Parent Corps work?

Parent Volunteers

- Are trained by Parent Leaders.
- Join other parents of kids the same age.
- Form parent groups.
- Conduct drug-prevention activities.



How does the Parent Corps work?

Parent Volunteers

Parent Leaders

Educate and train Parent Volunteers.
Help them form parent groups.
Coordinate parent-group activities.
Full-time employees of Parent Corps.



How does the Parent Corps work?

Parent Volunteers

Parent Leaders

Local Coordinators

Are trained by State Coordinators.
Support Parent Leaders, Volunteers.
Ask local businesses, faith institutions, civic associations to sponsor more Parent Leaders.
Full-time employees of Parent Corps.



How does the Parent Corps work?

Parent Volunteers

Parent Leaders

Local Coordinators

State Coordinators

Are trained by National Office.

Operate State Office.

Recruit Parent Leaders, Local Coordinators.

Help National Office manage Parent Corps.

Full-time employees of Parent Corps.



How does the Parent Corps work?

Parent Volunteers

Parent Leaders

Local Coordinators

State Coordinators

National Office

Administers Parent Corps.

Hires, manages Parent Corps personnel.

Develops and delivers training.

Raises, manages funds for Parent Corps.

Coordinates policy development.



Who can join the Parent Corps?

All parents who want to protect the health and safety of their children by giving them the chance to grow up free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use. . .and who have been trained by a Parent Leader



Who can apply to be a Parent Leader?

Anyone who is raising a school-age child and is committed to helping children grow up free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use.



Who can apply to be a Local Coordinator?

Anyone who is committed to helping
Parent Leaders succeed and to
soliciting sponsorships for more
Parent Leaders in the Parent Corps.



Who can apply to be a State Coordinator?

Anyone who manages a nonprofit
organization that empowers
parents to prevent alcohol, tobacco,
and illegal drug use among
children and that serves parents
throughout its state.



Who runs the Parent Corps National Office?

National Families in Action

The Parent Corps is President George W. Bush's national volunteer program to help parents prevent drug abuse among their children.



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The Parent Corps is one of four prevention goals in the President's National Drug Control Strategy.



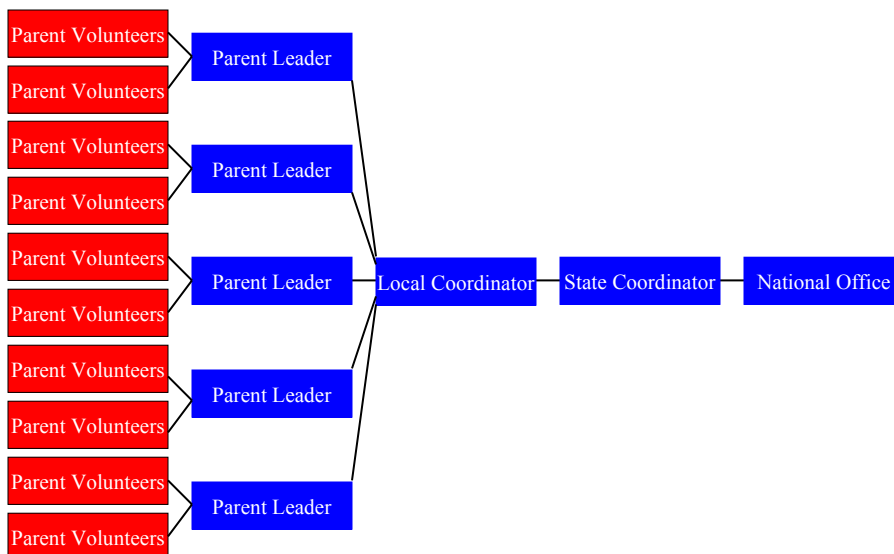
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National Families in Action proposed, developed, and manages the Parent Corps for the President through the Corporation for National and Community Service.



The Parent Corps





Goal

Parent Corps in 50 States

- 1 State Office & State Coordinator per state
- 4 Local Coordinators per state
- 20 Parent Leaders per state
- 8,000 Parent Volunteers per state



CNS* start-up grant

Parent Corps in 10 States

- 10 NFIA State Partner organizations
- 2 Parent Leaders per state
- 800 Parent Volunteers per state

* Corporation for National and Community Service



CNS

Reserved \$800,000 for evaluation contract.

Spread \$4.2 million across 3 years.

If Congress accepts the President's budget recommendation, there will be \$5 million a year for 5 years to develop and grow the Parent Corps.

We must build the Parent Corps together!



CNS grant
(\$1.3 Million/Yr) will fund

National Parent Corps Office

- National Training Center
- 10 NFIA State Partners via competition
- 20 Parent Leaders @ \$25,000 plus 25% benefits
- Five-day Parent Corps Basic Training for above
- 10 one-day Regional Training Workshops
- Quarterly five-day Parent Corps Basic Trainings at National Training Center, partially subsidized.



In addition. . .
NFIA will try to fund

- 10 State Coordinators
- 10 modest State Office budgets
- 10 Local Coordinators
- 20 additional Parent Leaders



How can you bring the
Parent Corps to your state?

1. Enter competition to become one of
NFIA's state partners.
- and
2. Help NFIA seek funding in your state
to expand the Parent Corps there.
3. Ask Congress to fund the Parent
Corps in FY2005 and future budgets.



Questions?

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