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Dear Maria,



Did you know that parents are the strongest influence that children have. There is no guarantee that your child won't use drugs or drink alcohol, but it is much less likely to happen if you:

- *Provide guidance and clear rules about not using drugs
- *Demonstrate the behavior you expect family members to follow
- *Spend time with your child
- *Praise them for things done well & making good choices

Prevention starts when you start talking with and listening to your child. Talk honestly with your child about healthy choices and risky behavior. Don't be discouraged if they try to curtail the conversation with, "I know already...." Your teen may roll his/her eyes when you talk with them but they hear you and it could make the difference in them making good decisions.

Source: www.healthychildren.org

APPROVAL OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA DROPS

A poll recently taken by CBS News found that just 48% of Americans believe marijuana should be legal, down from 51% in earlier polls taken by CBS in January and February. It's a rare drop of any magnitude in momentum for legalization. For more than a decade, every successive poll saw rising support for marijuana. The latest CBS numbers are a throwback to a poll the organization took in 2012.

FH Coalition receives Grant

The FH Coalition was recently awarded \$3,500 from The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to help support the Above That Club at FH Middle School.

The Above That Club meets once a month and is available to all 450 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on campus at no cost. Each year, Above That Club members elect fellow officers to run and promote the club, spread the message of the importance of staying healthy and educate students on the harmful effects in using illegal drugs and alcohol. Club members also participate in Red Ribbon Day, create and implement morning announcements and circulate anti-drug posters around campus. In March, Above That held their first annual service project to benefit CARE, a Fountain Hills program also committed to helping those in need dealing with drug and alcohol abuse issues. To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#)



FHHS and FH Coalition teaming up to help keep our youth safe!



If you have a child registering for high school this year (2014-2015), and you are already a Safe Homes Network member, you can save \$5 on your family's high school registration fees. Let your friends know that they can also save \$5 off their registration fees just by becoming a Safe Homes family. There is no cost in becoming a member and easy to do!

FHHS online registration begins July 21st! Watch your mail for your child's registration packet with the \$5 rebate coupon inside and be sure to look for the above coupon on the FHHS online registration page to receive your \$5 rebate!