



# LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY

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Dear Parents:

We would like to inform you that your child will receive a *Participation Certificate* for being involved in a partial P.L.U.S. (Peers Learning Usable Skills) program as part of his/her fifth grade learning experience. Due to St. Gabriel not having time for the entire P.L.U.S. program this year, while attaining school credentialing, we have agreed to provide the basics of the program to the St. Gabriel students. We are concerned that by providing a partial program the value of our program will be diminished, which in turn would reflect negatively on the P.L.U.S. name. Please keep in mind that 1/3 of our program is being omitted and therefore your follow-up and conversation with your child will be of utmost importance to clear up missed information. The funding for P.L.U.S. is provided entirely by the Lake County Narcotics Agency bringing no cost to your school.

The main objective of the P.L.U.S. program is to help your child develop life skills that he/she can use regarding all types of pressure - including the pressure to use drugs. Some of the topics that will be discussed are consequences of drug use (alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, and inhalants), personal pressure, self-image, stress management, internet safety, assertiveness, decision making, and alternatives to drug use.

Each child will receive worksheets that coincide with the lesson being presented. We will also be sending home with your child a *weekly "Parent's Guide"*, which covers the basic information being taught in the P.L.U.S. class that week. This is good information for you to review with your child since the officer will have no time to do so during class. If you are in need of a worksheet or are missing your *Parent's Guide*, please visit our web site at [www.lakecountyohio.gov/lcna/](http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/lcna/). You will need to have your schools P.L.U.S. username and password to access the material. The username and password will be given to your child during his/her first class and should be written at the bottom of this page.

We sincerely believe the P.L.U.S. program will benefit your child by providing accurate information regarding life-long resistance skills. However, there is nothing more beneficial for your child than frequent discussions with you about serious issues (drug use, violence, gang involvement, sex, etc.). Therefore, the majority of your child's learning will need your active participation to assist him/her in developing an appropriate understanding of the information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Principal of your school or you can reach me directly at the Lake County Narcotics Agency (440-350-3302).

Sincerely;

*Officer Willis*

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