



LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY

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Date: _____

Dear P.L.U.S.² Student and Parents,

We would like to welcome you to our P.L.U.S.² (Peers Learning Usable Skills) middle school program developed by the Lake County Narcotics Agency. Our goal is for the students to review the dangers of drugs like alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants. In addition we plan to discuss the dangers of Over-the-Counter and Prescription Drug abuse. We will talk about social influence regarding drug use, and how damaging drug use is to our society, our community, and our families. We will also look at the perceptions we have regarding drug use among middle school students and how we are influenced by what we *believe* to be true.

As part of our P.L.U.S.² program we have included homework assignments for you and your child to complete together. Some of the homework is designed for the students to complete on their own and then discuss with you what they wrote. Other assignments will involve discussions with your child and then your child's completion of the assignment. No matter what the assignment is, you (parents) are requested to sign the homework sheet so your child can get credit for its completion. We are asking parents to discuss with, listen to, and question your child about your feelings, beliefs, and expectations regarding the assignment.

A *Parent Night* program can be offered to all parents/guardians and interested adult caregivers of students participating in the P.L.U.S.² program. The *Parent Night* program will provide an overview of P.L.U.S.², some usable suggestions on how we can "*Help Youth Succeed*", and current information on the drugs typically accessible to our middle school youth. At this point we have not scheduled a *Parent Night* because we would like to know your interest in attending. Dates, location and times will be announced depending on a desire to attend.

At the end of the P.L.U.S.² program the students will receive a certificate of completion. To successfully complete the P.L.U.S.² requirements the students will need to complete the following:

- Participation and involvement during class.
- Complete P.L.U.S. assignments and return signed parent/child homework.
- Stay drug free.
- Write a final essay as explained by the P.L.U.S.² officer.
- Fulfill any additional school requirements incorporated into P.L.U.S.².

Parents please keep an eye out for the weekly *P.L.U.S.² Parent's Guides*. These *Parent's Guides* were developed to keep you up to date, on a weekly basis, as to what is being discussed during the P.L.U.S.² lessons. Please take time to read and discuss them with your son or daughter. If you are not receiving your *Parent's Guides* each week please discuss this with your child.

We have created a web site for P.L.U.S. at www.lakecountyohio.gov/lcna/. *Parent's Guides* and Homework assignments will be available for you to download if your child forgets them at school. When you log onto the site you will need to **login** (top right-hand corner) in order to access assignments. The lesson link will become available once the lesson is taught. Please let me know if something is not working properly. This web site is new to us so please understand it will be a work in progress. Your login will be:

Username: _____ Password: _____

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Officer George "Pat" Willis, Drug Education Supervisor and author of P.L.U.S.² at the Lake County Narcotics Agency (440) 350-3302.

Student's Signature

____ Yes _____ No
Attend a P.L.U.S.² Parent Night

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

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