

Trademarks are properties of their respected owners

Halton health department survey gathers data on youth drug abuse

我们也是一个人,我们也可以在一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人 第一个人的,我们也可以是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的

In its continuing effort to confront drug abuse and youth, the Halton Regional Health Department will be soon embark on the ambitious "Parent Perception Survey."

During the first week of October, a discreet envelope will start arriving at 9,000 randomly selected homes across Halton of parents with children in Grades 7 to OAC. In it they will find a comprehensive—and strictly anonymous—questionnaire designed to acquire a wealth of Halton-specific data.

"This is really a unique effort," says Public Health Nurse Lorraine Gold. "It's magnitude has never been done before."

The goals are twofold. First, to assess parental perception of student drug abuse in their community and second, to raise awareness of substance abuse issues.

"The 15 minutes needed to complete this survey will be an investment in the future of substance abuse prevention programming for Halton," said Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Nosal.

The survey has three components: parent perception of youth drug use; family relationships and communication; demographic information.

The surveys— mailed to parents representing all geographic areas of the region— will be addressed to "Parent or Guardian." A postage paid envelope will make it easy and free to send back. A "youth support card" will be included for parents who want help. For more information call 825-6060 exts. 7831 or 7439.

The survey is the result of a year's worth of meetings on substance

abuse and youth by the Community Action for a Drug-Free Youth (CADY) committee, comprised of 32 Halton organizations and agencies. According to Dr. Nosal, who is also CADY chair, they discovered a valuable piece of the puzzle was missing.

"One issue identified by this group was the need for accurate Halton data related to parents' perception of drug and alcohol use by youth," he said

The awareness portion of the survey will employ results from the 1997 Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) Ontario Student Drug Use Survey. Questions based on this information will allow the results of the parent survey to be compared.

"Frequently there is an imbalance between what parents think is happening and what students say is happening," said Gold. "The uses of this information is boundless."

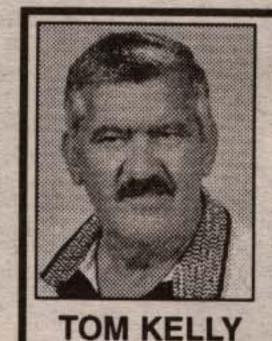
Public Health Nurse Brigitte Hill says her department is hoping for a 25 per cent return rate. A June pilot survey of 276 parents to uncover any problems with the poll came back slightly under 25 per cent.

"We have pursued this with every attention to detail," said Hill.

Results are expected to collated in spring 1999.

Next January, the ARF's Ontario Student Drug Use Survey will again be conducted as it is every two years. Unlike previous occasions, Halton will be "over-sampled," said Hill, so that her department can obtain even more comprehensive data then compare this to this year's parental version.

—By Howard Mozel, special



TOM'S BACK IN BUSINESS

Tom Kelly invites all his customers to see him at Humberview Wholesale, 58 Fieldway Rd., Etobicoke (416) 234-0311

DRIVE A LITTLE, SAVE A LOT
WHY PAY RETAIL, BUY AT HUMBERVIEW WHOLESALE
All cars certified with warrantee.

96 TAURUS GL WAGON \$14,990 62K 96 PROBE SE STANDARD \$14,690 66K 97 ESCORT WAGON \$12,490 49K 96 MYSTIQUE V6 \$13,990 49K 97 INTREPID \$14,900 74K 96 BLAZER \$23,990 60K 95 FIREBIRD \$12,990 89K 95 VW GOLF DIESEL 4 DOOR \$12,470 55K

Are you curious about the relationship between Christianity and the Baha'i Faith?

- •Do Baha'is believe in the Bible?
- •Do Baha'is regard Christ as the Son of God?
- •Do Baha'is uphold what the Bible says about Jesus Himself as God?
- •Do Baha'is accept the Trinity?

Astonishingly, Baha'is will answer a resounding 'yes' to all the above questions! An independent religion founded in Iran in 1844, the Baha'i Faith exists to establish world unity among all the peoples of God. It's prophet-founder, Baha'u'llah, made significant assertions about the glory of Christ.

You can find out more by calling to receive a free package of four exciting brochures. These brochures are written to explain the divine mysteries which unite these two world religions.

Call 873-1245 to receive your package now! e-mail: haltonbahai@hotmail.com.