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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF MCHK-PS-T

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Dear Mr. Carr,

I greatly appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to visit me at Tripler Army Medical Center and your providing me with information about Narconon and the current youth drug and alcohol use prevention efforts. As you know I work with youth and adults on and off of the military base as part of my regular duties as well as additional work as part of the Lieutenant Governor's Task Force to Prevent Underage Drinking.

I reviewed the Narconon materials: DVD's, literature, lesson plans, past and present satisfaction survey results, and some of the initial raw data collected from California and more recently Hawaii schools. I am very impressed that the Narconon Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention efforts are well received by students and educators alike. The initial tabulations of the raw data appear favorable to maintaining or motivating drug abstinence in youngsters of various ethnic backgrounds (to include Asian and Pacific Islanders). I found my review of the actual student essays to be highly informative for their content value. I suspect as they are analyzed further we will determine that the Narconon program facilitates movement along Prochaska and DiClemente's "Stages of Change Model" which addresses the person's readiness for behavior change as it applies to substance abuse.

Recently (again) there are those who promulgate a harm reduction model, i.e. minors using drugs/alcohol responsibly. I am very concerned about this approach for a variety of medical and psycho-social ills will plague those susceptible children/teens. For example, I was surprised to read about California Healthy Kids Resource Center's (HKRC) opinion of Narconon as not effective and not having hard science and research. I am also puzzled as to several newspaper articles that focus on the support Narconon receives from the Church of Scientology. Many private, public, charitable, and religious organizations support drug-free living.

I understand Narconon is partnering with several private Hawaii schools and encourage further dialogue with our public schools and colleges where there are other children, teens and young adults at risk for substance abuse and dependence. My own children are in the Hawaii public school system, and I would welcome a program of drug and alcohol education such as Narconon. In fact, my family and I watched the Narconon DVD's and found them positive and helpful. I give my support to several other organizations that promote health and well-being including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, Lutheran Social Services, Boy Scouts, and others. I will certainly add Narconon to that list.

Again, thank you for your time, and I hope that you will stay in touch. I would be very interested in seeing the final results of your evaluations of effectiveness. I encourage you to contact the Army's Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services (ASACS) and the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) for further information and possible collaboration in drug and alcohol prevention here in Hawaii. ASACS may be contacted at (808) 655-9944. ASAP may be reached at (808) 433-8700. Feel free to contact me again if I may be of help in the fight against drugs.

Very Respectfully,


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