

What are the Mock Trial Programs?

The Mock Trial Programs are successful prevention programs that arm students with the wisdom and knowledge necessary to make wise choices and healthy decisions.

Students learn the dangers of substance abuse, and the consequences of bullying through interactive discussion with law enforcement officials.

Students have the opportunity to witness the consequences to poor decisions through a Mock Trial of their fellow students.

Selected students act out through role playing, adolescents who have been arrested and are currently on trial for drug and alcohol possession, or for bullying and assaulting their fellow students. The remaining students comprise the jury, with the assistance of the District Attorney and active discussion, render verdicts upon their fellow classmates.



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A substance abuse prevention program and an anti-bullying intervention program designed for elementary and junior high school students.

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A Message from the District Attorney:



Education is the key to establishing a strong foundation for our children. The decisions and choices our children make will shape their lives for years to come.

Knowledge about substance abuse and anti-bullying intervention is so important, especially during our children's most formative years.

The Plymouth County District Attorney's Mock Trial Program places emphasis on the legal consequences that can be expected if the wrong decisions are made.

These programs have received strong praise from educators, and have shown to be an effective resource in the fight against both substance abuse and bullying.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Cruz".

Timothy J. Cruz
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The Mock Trial Program

The Mock Trial Program is a comprehensive curricula that focuses on substance abuse prevention and anti-bullying intervention.

The essential elements of the legal, and criminal justice systems are explained to the children. The program culminates by bringing the courtroom into the classrooms of elementary and middle school age children.

The program's focus is on decision making, risk taking behavior, and explaining the legal and social consequences for one's actions.

The Mock Trial program is implemented in communities that wish to reinforce lessons that are also taught through Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education Programs and other anti-substance abuse courses.

The program also places a strong emphasis on the legal consequences young people who make bad decisions will face. These programs are designed to be informative, educational, and fun.

Mock Trial Participants

The Mock Trial Program involves members of the local law enforcement community in each city and town and encourages children to have more communication with their police department and professional educators.

The District Attorney is an active participant in nearly all of the actual Mock Trials playing the role of prosecutor in a case that involves student defendants.

Other members of the District Attorney staff take on the roles of the defense counsel and the judge.

The Mock Trial Program educates children about the dangers of substance abuse and the effects of bullying.

The program provides the wisdom and knowledge that will result in empowering a child to make wise decisions and healthy choices throughout their lives.



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