

*The **Parents Who Care** committee is a sub-committee of the Wayne Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. Newly formed, this is a group of parents and adults who have joined together for a common concern, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and the welfare of our youth.*

*We recognize the powerful impact of youth peer groups and the pressure it places on our kids. Children feel a sense of support and reinforcement when their peer group gives approval. Now, through Parents Who Care, parents and adults can achieve that same feeling of support and encouragement when they come together to develop a **SAFE HOMES PARENT NETWORK**.*

*This is a program that empowers parents. It gives them a forum to meet and talk in a casual, non-threatening atmosphere, discussing common concerns and possible solutions. Through **SAFE HOMES**, parents can obtain information about their children's social scene and develop agreed upon guidelines and consequences.*

*The **SAFE HOMES PARENT S NETWORK** can include parents of your children's friends or parents from your school, or neighborhood. It can involve any adult who is interested and shares the same goals and concerns regarding today's youth.*

*Parents working together provide unity and the consistency necessary to eliminate the pressures children feel to use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs to fit in with their peers. As a group, parents can agree on how to handle these difficult situations. They will know where their children are, what they are doing, who they are with and when they will be home. They will know that other parents will not allow alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in their homes, and that their children are being supervised by a "responsible adult" when visiting their home.*

*Who doesn't want that?*

***Parents Working Together Make A Tremendous Difference In The Lives Of Children!***

***Get Started Today- Sign the Pledge***

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