



# Parent Education, Community Concerns, Child Advocacy

**Parent education** is about **community concerns** within the school and **advocating for children** out in the community on topics that affect students and their families. These are best addressed at the local level.

Some areas of concern for PTA involvement include:

1. Illegal Drug Use
2. Prescription Medicine Misuse
3. Over-the-Counter Medication Abuse
4. Inhalants
5. Alcohol Consumption
6. Internet Safety
7. Smoking and Tobacco
8. Television Viewing
9. Video/Computer Gaming
10. Bullying
11. Delinquency prevention
12. Gangs and cults
13. Homelessness
14. Juvenile justice
15. Date Rape
16. Missing and exploited children
17. Safety and safety education
18. School attendance
19. School discipline
20. School violence and vandalism
21. Youth violence and vandalism
22. Domestic violence

Your PTA/PTSA can and should be involved in seeking solutions to your community's concerns by:

- Contacting community agencies for additional information and assistance
- Educating the community including parents, staff, elected officials and the general public
- Identifying solutions and actions that need to be taken

This can be accomplished using a multi-media approach:

Lectures, Videos, Slide Shows, Flyers, Web sites, Assemblies, Round-Tables, etc.

There are experts in the community as well as past victims who are willing to help with the various topics.

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