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Safe & Sound for Life: Social & Emotional Health & Safety

CONTENT

- Examining how feelings and thoughts help determine behavior
- Recognizing characteristics of stress and stress management
- Identifying signs of anger and ways to manage anger
- Identifying internal and external influences that lead to aggression and violence
- Recognizing depression and getting help
- Analyzing bullying and cyberbullying and the role of bystanders
- Knowing characteristics and laws related to sexual harassment and abusive relationships
- Developing healthy relationships and friendships

SKILLS

- Listening
- Expressing emotions and thoughts
- · Using empathy
- Practicing I-statements
- Using decision making
- Problem solving
- · Asking effective questions
- Managing conflicts
- Choosing positive relationships
- Avoiding dangerous situations
- De-escalating intimidation
- Maintaining personal safety
- · Getting help for abusive relationships
- Helping others
- · Accessing resources

A Winning Team: Healthy Eating & Physical Activity

CONTENT

- Recognizing health benefits of healthy eating, hydration, and being physically active
- Describing the federal guidelines for diet and physical activity
- Understanding factors related to weight control, body image, and body type
- Identifying moderate-intensity physical activities
- Exploring nutrition information on food labels, health claims, and advertisements

SKILLS

- Analyzing personal food intake
- Assessing personal barriers and developing solutions to healthy eating and physical activity
- Accessing resources for weight management and unhealthy eating patterns
- Analyzing influences of sedentary activities on physical activity
- Selecting foods with high nutritional value
- Analyzing nutrition information to identify healthier food options when eating out
- Persuading peers to eat healthy and be physically active
- Setting goals to improve healthy eating and increase physical activity

Stay Drug Free Today for a Successful Tomorrow: Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention

CONTENT

- Analyzing internal and external influences and social norms
- Recognizing one's personal control over their response to influences
- Distinguishing passive, aggressive, and assertive, verbal and non-verbal communication
- Exploring dependency and addiction
- Identifying resources and help for alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, prescription medicine misuse (e.g. opioids) and other drug dependency
- Researching the dangers of alcohol, marijuana, and steroid use, and misuse of over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs (e.g. opioids) and sports supplements
- Demonstrating safe strategies for medicine use

SKILLS

- Using I-statements in pressure situations
- · Practicing refusal skills to avoid drug use
- Identifying risky situations
- Applying effective communication skills
- Using decision making and problem solving
- Getting help
- Advocating for drug-free social norm
- Accessing resources

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The Power is Yours to Be Tobacco Free

CONTENT

- Describing how tobacco negatively impacts individuals, friends, family and community
- Practicing healthy ways to meet needs without tobacco use
- Exploring the dangers of tobacco use (smoking, hookah use, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco) and secondhand and thirdhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol
- Exploring the health, legal, social and financial consequences of use

SKILLS

- · Analyzing influences to use tobacco
- Using refusal skills to avoid tobacco use
- Supporting those who abstain and those who are trying to quit
- Identifying risky situations that could lead to tobaccouse
- · Solving problems related to tobacco use
- Avoiding secondhand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol
- Accessing resources to quit tobacco use
- Practice developing persuasive advice for peers on how to stay tobacco free

Growing Up & Staying Healthy: Understanding HIV and Other STIs

CONTENT

- Distinguishing myths and facts related to HIV and other STIs
- Exploring consequences of infection with HIV and other STIs
- Evaluating how HIV and other STIs are and are not transmitted
- Describing the negative consequences of sexual intercourse and reducing risk
- Identifying situations requiring professional health services

SKILLS

- Applying strategies to create sexual boundaries, abstain from sex and/or reduce risk*
- Accessing reliable sources of information and help related to HIV and other STIs
- Avoiding and escaping risky situations
- Communicating verbally and non-verbally to refuse participation in sexual behaviors
- Practicing refusing pressure and identifying trouble for risky situations
- Setting goals to stay free of HIV and other STIs
- Advocating for peers to live free of HIV and other STIs
- * This module offers two tracks: abstinence-only or abstinence-plus-condoms

