

Our Mission

The Archdiocese Drug Abuse Prevention Program

(ADAPP) is dedicated to serving, with excellence, the children, adults and families within the schools, parishes and communities of the New York Archdiocese. We strive to provide innovative, comprehensive services including counseling and education to prevent and intervene in the use of alcohol and other drugs.

We believe that through our clear sense of purpose, our dedication to those we serve and the commitment of caring professionals, ADAPP helps adults and children realize their full potential.

Our History

Founded in 1972, the Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program serves the schools and parishes within the New York Archdiocese. During its thirty-five year history, ADAPP has been recognized on the national and state level for the quality of its services and programs.

ADAPP offers prevention services, which are based on current health research, to youth in grades K through 12, to school staff and to parents. Programs are constantly expanding to address diverse populations and current trends. Crisis intervention, suicide assessment and bullying prevention are recent additions to our services.

ADAPP is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that receives funding from federal, state and local governments as well as private and corporate foundations and charitable contributions.

Life affords us no greater responsibility,
no greater privilege, than the raising
of the next generation.

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Educational Programs

Student

ADAPP counselors utilize the latest research based curriculum that provides age appropriate information and skill building activities designed to reduce risk factors related to substance abuse and violence, as well as increase resiliency. The material addresses drug, alcohol, and violence prevention, life skill development, conflict resolution, bullying prevention and internet safety. ADAPP staff is also available to conduct workshops for students and to assist with special prevention events for the school community.

School Professionals Education

Schools and teachers have a profound impact on the life of each child, not just on their academics, but on their social and emotional well-being. ADAPP offers a variety of seminars and workshops designed to assist school staff with meeting the challenges of today's students.

Topics include:

- Current Trends in Substance Abuse
- Internet Safety
- Violence Prevention
- School Climate
- Bully Prevention

We offer the NYS Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Course and the NYS School Violence Prevention Training, and are trained providers of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Parent Education

Although there are many influences in the world today, peers, internet and media, parents are still the most important influence in a child's life. ADAPP offers a variety of workshops that provide valuable information about raising a healthy resilient child.

Topics address such issues as:

- Internet Safety
- Bully Prevention
- Current Trends in Substance Abuse
- Understanding Mental Health Issues
- Parenting Skills



Intervention Services

Individual Counseling

Prevention counseling is designed to help high risk youth develop necessary coping skills to reach their academic and emotional potential and to choose a healthy drug free lifestyle. The goal is to increase resiliency, to help to create stronger bonds with the school and family, and to increase social competencies.

Group Counseling

Using the interactional approach of the mutual aid model of group work, ADAPP school-based groups emphasize coping and skill development. The group leader, a trained ADAPP staff member, assists youth with developing skills to manage their world and to create the bonds that increase resiliency.

Family Counseling

This service is designed to assist families with their child when a problem cannot be addressed in the school setting. It is a limited service and only available at our Bronx office.

Mental Health/Suicide Assessment

ADAPP staff provides mental health/suicide assessment and referral for youth at specific school sites. ADAPP is a Columbia University Teenscreen site.

Substance Abuse Assessment/Referral

This assessment is for individuals who are concerned, or whose family or school is concerned about their level of substance use. The evaluation can be conducted on the school site or at one of our ADAPP offices.

This service is available for youth and adults.



Crisis Intervention

A crisis is a significant life event that seriously disrupts the normal functioning of an individual, family or school. It can elicit strong emotions that result in people feeling confused and vulnerable. ADAPP crisis intervention services address the immediate needs of those affected by the crisis and help to create the conditions that allow the recovery process to begin.

Consultation for Principals, School Professionals and Parents

ADAPP's executive and supervisory staff are available through phone consultation to assist schools and families when issues such as child abuse, depression, threats of suicide, internet safety, school violence or drugs and alcohol arise in the school setting.

Community Prevention Services

ADAPP sponsors and chairs the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership, TNCAP, a coalition located in the Bronx, NY. Members of the partnership include schools, law enforcement, churches and city, state and federal legislatures. The goal of the coalition is to prevent and reduce alcohol and drug abuse by changing community norms that support substance abuse and through enforcement of current laws. The community prevention service also sponsors a mentoring program which matches high school youth with elementary school age students from low income neighborhoods in the Bronx.