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Advocates for Children Program

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The Advocates for Children Program encourages clubs to make a difference in the life of a child by being an advocate - provide a voice for children, and teach and encourage parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level.

Anti-Buying Campaigns:

- Check with your local school board or administrators to find out about anti-bullying programs they may have, and how you can participate: hold an event or workshop to make the public aware of the issue.
- Hat Not Hate (www.hatnothate.org) is an organization dedicated to raising awareness of bullying. Their website gives information on live virtual anti-bullying assemblies they provide.

Child Safety Awareness: (including internet/cyber bullying/teen driving safety/car seat safety)

- Contact your local law enforcement agency to sponsor a workshop on safety issues.
- Research issues of interest and publicize them or present a community workshop.

Drug Awareness Campaigns:

- Contact your local Municipal Alliance Committee; they work to provide a coordinated effort in promoting and supporting drug and alcohol prevention and educational programs. Ask them to speak at a club or community meeting.
- The Partnership for a Drug-Free NJ (www.drugfreenj.org) has drug awareness materials for students; age-appropriate by grade.

Screen time awareness:

- Children are being exposed to cell phones and electronic screens as early as infancy. Too much screen time can lead to issues such as obesity, irregular sleep, or loss of social skills. Research and educate members and the community on this issue.

Children's Health:

- Learn about and inform new parents from HealthyChildren.org, sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Information includes optimizing children's health, dealing with injuries and emergencies, and evaluating treatments for long-term situations such as asthma, diabetes, autism, learning disabilities and others.