

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. is a valuable program to show kids how to resist drugs and be safe. As I grow up, I am going to be faced with peer pressure. I have been taught to say "No." D.A.R.E. has helped me understand what I am going to probably have to face when I am older.

I have been lucky so far that I have not had to face any situation with drugs, tobacco, or alcohol. One of the reasons is because of the school I go to. Most kids have to face this at school. In Howard County about 7.4 8th graders smoke cigarettes. Tobacco is just one drug kids have to learn how to resist.

This program taught me about tobacco and drugs that I have never heard before and the side effects that they can cause. Tobacco and other drugs can damage your body permanently. Some drugs may even cause you to do something terrible to somebody else. Not only do drugs harm you but alcohol can hurt you also. There is binge drinking and drinking just to be cool. However, any kind of drinking can lead to alcoholism, serious injury or death.

Peer pressure is the reason many kids make bad decisions. D.A.R.E. taught me that peer pressure was and how to handle it. I had to evaluate real life situations and decide for myself what I would do. These situations showed me how difficult it might be to deal with peer pressure. Having had D.A.R.E will help me be a stronger person. D.A.R.E. is important because it teaches kids how to resist peer pressure and turn away from harmful drugs. An addiction is something I don't want.

D.A.R.E. taught me many things that I hope I will never have to face. The world would be a better place without drugs and alcohol. There would be less violence and deaths. I know this isn't going to happen, and D.A.R.E. taught me how to be a strong and wiser person. I learned how to make healthy choices and resist peer pressure.

I Cory Hanson pledge to use D.A.R.E. skills and say "No" to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

