

Aid for Parents

Where can you turn when you suspect your son or daughter is experimenting with drugs? Too many parents go on suspecting because they don't feel they have anywhere to turn for help. They go on suspecting until a child's drug use results in destroyed relationships, school failure, arrests and eventually... a broken life.

Now help is just a phone call away from one of the most unlikely of sources... your local police agency. Law enforcement professionals will test your child for drug use in a strictly confidential way in which information about your child is kept between you and your child. It goes no further. Law Enforcement

professionals recognize the problems that parents face today because police officers have kids too. The negative impacts of drug abuse touch all of us, from every walk of life; in every community... no one is exempt. That's why the law enforcement community in conjunction with other community partners created "Parent Aid".



What is Parent Aid?

Parent Aid is a new, simple and confidential urinalysis drug-testing program designed to help parents identify drug abuse problems in their kids before disaster strikes.

The centerpiece of the Parent Aid program is the InstaCup™ Multi-Drug Screen Test System offered by Martin Diagnostics International, Inc. This accurate test detects illegal drug use.



Oregon Association Chiefs of Police



Oregon State Sheriffs' Association



Oregon State Police



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Do you suspect... that your son or daughter is using drugs?



Now there's Help!





Features

Free:

The Parent Aid test is free of charge to a parent of any child under 18 years of age

Quick:

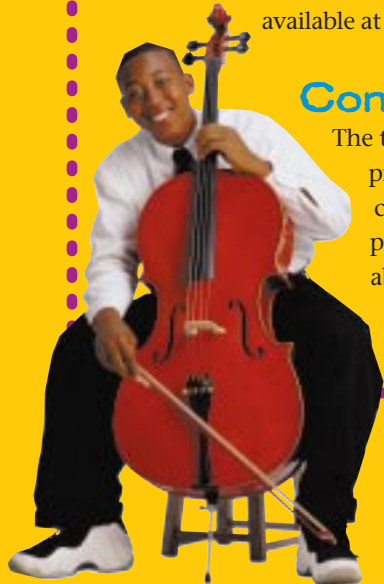
Once a sample is taken, Parent Aid test results are usually ready in under 8 minutes.

Accurate:

Rapid testing with the Parent Aid InstaCup™ is proven to be as accurate as laboratory screening tests. The test is performed in a confidential and convenient setting. In the event a parent questions the results of a test, a laboratory confirmation test is available at a reasonable cost.

Confidential:

The testing is completely private, results are confidential and no personal information about the test is kept by the police department.



Common Questions

How do I know if my son or daughter is using drugs?



If you suspect your child may be using drugs but you aren't sure. Look for some of the warning signals. They may be your first clues to a drug problem.

- Deterioration in school performance
- Secrecy
- Attitude Changes
- Behavior problems
- High-risk behavior such as stealing
- Extreme mood swings (watch for depression)
- Sexual promiscuity
- Withdrawal from family activities
- Changes in friends
- Changes in eating habits
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Difficulty waking adolescent
- Peculiar odors on clothing
- Missing alcohol or money from home
- Slurred speech
- Appearing spaced-out
- Dilated pupils
- Presence of drug paraphernalia (pipes, pill boxes, straws, spoons, cigarette papers etc...)
- Clothing depicting drug themes

How do I begin?

- ✓ Review the list below and identify the participating agency nearest you.
- ✓ Pick up the phone and call or e-mail the contact person
- ✓ Schedule a time for the test and ask any questions you might have.

Pendleton Police Department
 109 SW Court Ave.
 Pendleton, Oregon 97801
 (541) 276-4411

What should I expect?

The test takes about 3-8 minutes in a completely confidential setting at the police department or at another designated location. A police officer (test certified) will provide a consent form for you and your child to sign. This form assures you of confidentiality. Next, your child will be given InstaCup™ in which to provide a small sample of urine. The officer will then take the testing device and will begin the testing procedure. In just minutes, drug test results will be read from InstaCup™.



Can drug tests be beaten?

The Parent Aid testing program virtually eliminates the possibility that someone will "trick" the drug test (by dilution or adulteration) by using a test called Intect 7™ designed to expose attempts to influence the drug test results.

What if the test result is positive?

When test results are positive, every effort is made to provide the parent and child with information regarding drug treatment programs and other community based support services available to them.

If you suspect your son or daughter is using illegal drugs, don't ignore the signs and don't delay. Instead, pick up the phone and call the Parent Aid Program Agency nearest you. One call may keep your child from ruining their life... and yours. Make the call!

