

# Parent Programs Team (PPT)

*The PPT mission is to empower parents with information and skills critical to raising children in today's world. The committee provides information through evening parent forums featuring experts in areas relevant to raising children and adolescents. PPT is a collaborative group of district staff, community members and parents like you!*

<b>DRUG AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION</b>	<b>HELPING KIDS COPE WITH CHANGE AND LOSS</b>	<b>ADOLESCENT RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOR AND THE BRAIN</b>
<p>Sergeant Randy Pohl of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office will help parents become familiar with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the slang terminology used for different types of drugs,</li> <li>• what commonly abused drugs look like,</li> <li>• what commonly used drug paraphernalia looks like, and</li> <li>• how different drugs affect people physically and mentally.</li> </ul> <p>Sergeant Pohl has been involved in hundreds of investigations involving everything from street-level drug dealers to large-scale, multi-state narcotics distribution organizations. During his 22 years in law enforcement, he has served on two federal task forces and with the Drug Enforcement Agency field offices in Columbus and Toledo.</p>	<p>Jennifer Taylor, a grief recovery specialist, will help parents learn about using age-appropriate literature as a springboard for conversations to give children a chance to express their own feelings and deal with difficult issues. She will also help parents identify the children's literature and hands-on activities that can help children cope with the painful emotions of grief and mourning as well as everyday challenges.</p> <p>After the session parents will be able to purchase items from the Bobby's Books program, a non-profit group founded to offer support to children and families dealing with a wide range of emotions. Cash, check and credit card payments will be accepted.</p>	<p>Micheal Nerney, a youth risk behavior expert, will help parents explore what goes on inside the adolescent brain. He will help parents understand the underlying reasons for high-risk behaviors and how those actions often coincide with substance abuse. Mr. Nerney will also discuss possible prevention strategies and the scope of the problem on both national and local levels.</p> <p>Mr. Nerney is an internationally known lecturer and has served as a consultant to a number of federal and state agencies as well as two major television networks. He began his career as a teacher and coach, and he is the father of four children.</p>
<p><b>Date:</b> Thursday, October 14, 2010  <b>Time:</b> 7 - 8:30 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Olentangy Liberty High School            3584 Home Road in Powell  <b>Free babysitting available!</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> Wednesday, February 9, 2011  <b>Time:</b> 7 - 8:30 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Olentangy Orange High School            2840 E. Orange Road in Lewis Center  <b>Free babysitting available!</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> Wednesday, May 4, 2011  <b>Time:</b> 7 - 8:30 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Olentangy High School            675 Lewis Center Road in Lewis Center  <b>Free babysitting available!</b></p>