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Testimony on the importance of drug and alcohol prevention programs in middle school.

Middle school students are at a critical age where they are more likely to be exposed to drugs and alcohol. These prevention programs provide them with essential knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, resist peer pressure, and stay drug-free.

In Kansas, school resource officers play a valuable role in teaching these programs. Their presence helps create a safe and supportive learning environment, fostering positive relationships between students and law enforcement.

One notable program in Kansas is DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). It empowers students to resist drugs and make responsible choices. By partnering with law enforcement, DARE offers valuable insights and reinforces the importance of staying drug and alcohol-free.

Thank you for your dedication to our students' well-being. Together, we can make a positive impact on their futures.

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