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Dear Alexa,

Happy New Year! We hope the beginning of 2012 finds you ready to take on all that a new year has to offer. We are excited to be back working with St. Vrain Valley youth in our four programs.

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Chemical Effects of Drugs Presentation

All parents and
interested adults are
invited to join us for

"The Chemical Effects
of Drugs"

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Presented by Dr. Bob
Hurtubise, Retired
Chemistry Professor

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Monday, January 30
6:00-7:45 p.m.

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at Alternatives for
Youth
24 Ninth Avenue
Longmont
303.776.8184

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If you have read our newsletter before, you will notice that we have updated the design and features. Throughout the year, we look forward to sharing our latest news, events and achievements through this newsletter and our website at www.alternativesforyouth.org.

We wish you peace and joy in 2012!

Looking Forward in 2012

As we begin 2012, we at Alternatives for Youth have many plans for our programs. While some of these changes are difficult, we are also excited about the new opportunities. In 2012, our programs will change and grow as follows:



Attendance Advocates. Advocates will continue their work at nine schools through the school year. The grant funding this program ends this year; however, the St. Vrain Valley School District (SVVSD) is making efforts to continue the program as a district program.

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With school back in session after the holiday break, our program staff hit the new semester running, providing robust programming to youth across the

St. Vrain Valley School District. Following are updates about our new year activities:

This month, **NorthStar** classes resumed at Heritage

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Middle School with 12 girls and new classes began at Longs Peak Middle School and at our Clearview Educational Center. Later this term, classes will also begin at Silver Creek High School and a new group will begin at Heritage. We are excited to see this program expanding and to be bringing the Girls Circle curriculum to more girls, helping them with making healthy choices, decision making, body image, and developing positive relationships.

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No "Kid"ding . . . Did You Know?

In our prevention work, we often discuss risk and protective factors for our youth - those life factors that put youth at risk for risky behavior and those life factors that help youth stay away from risky behavior. Some of the best researched protective factors are the [Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets](#). Did you know . . .



- Studies of more than 2.2 million United States young people consistently show that the more assets young people have, the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors and the more likely they are to thrive.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Alternatives for Youth, Inc.'s mission is to promote academic persistence and success of youth by instilling values that lead to positive choices and positive community impact and by encouraging social, cultural, and self development. Since 1978, Alternatives for Youth has been providing services to youth and their families in the St. Vrain Valley community to help youth succeed in school and life. Last year, over 2,000 youth and their families received services through Alternatives for Youth.

Thank you for your support!
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