

## **EFFECTS OF PARENTAL CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY ON THE CHILD**

May have learning problems

May be torn between parents --- loyal to one and angry with the other

May lack physical and emotional support

May avoid peer activities, especially at home out of fear and shame

May learn negative and destructive ways of dealing with problems and getting attention

May lack trust in anyone --- can't trust parents, how can they trust you?

May have low self-esteem

## **BEHAVIORS IN THE CLASSROOM**

Morning tardiness

Concerned with getting home at the end of the day or activity period

Improper clothing for the weather

Regressive behaviors

Avoidance of argument and conflict

Friendlessness and isolation

Poor attendance

Frequent illness and need to visit the RN especially for stomach complaints

Fatigue and listlessness

Hyperactivity and inability to concentrate

Sudden outbursts and other emotional outbursts

Exaggerated concern with achievement

Fear about situation involving contact with one's parent(s)

Continual excuse making for absences, incomplete assignments or for parent(s)' behaviors