

Consequences

Article: <https://priceconomics.com/dare-the-anti-drug-program-that-never-actually/>

As a child, I was a participant of the DARE program(I actually recently found my certificate!). I got really into it and even tried, to no avail, to get my dad to stop drinking alcohol. He stopped drinking around me so I would stop bothering him. I didn't go near drugs, mostly because I was almost never offered any.

The DARE program started in LA,CA, when a cop saw that buying drugs from kids as an undercover cop was not solving the problem of drugs in schools. He came up with a program that started small and rapidly expanded throughout the 80s and 90s with the goal of teaching kids respect and saying no to drugs.

Research shows that the program was doomed from the start. It had little effect on kids and, if anything, explanations of the different types of drugs through the program may have caused more kids to report using drugs than before the program. DARE ran for decades, all while their executives tried hiding the results of many studies conducted on kids who graduated from the program. Once the government got involved, DARE was exposed and finally closed in 2010. It was revived a few years later using evidence-based curricula.