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American Character Builders **benefits students** by teaching them how to make wise decisions and choices in life—choices that lead to a healthy, happy and productive life.

American Character Builders **benefits churches, counseling services and community recovery programs** by becoming a "first line of defense," heading off addictive behaviors before those behaviors develop and destroy lives and break up homes.

American Character Builders **benefits the business community.** By teaching students how to make healthy lifestyle choices and by advocating and promoting a healthy and productive lifestyle, citizens have more resources to spend on goods and services that have a positive impact on the economic development of their communities. Insurance costs, accidents and time away from work can all be reduced.

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The Beginning of *American Character Builders*

In June 1937 a group of concerned leaders from Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches came together to discuss and organize an inter-denominational temperance program. The group met at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham and organized the Alabama Temperance Alliance (ATA) with Rev. Earl Hotalen, a Methodist minister, being selected as the first Executive Director. Hotalen served from 1937 to 1946 followed by James Swedenburg (1946-1967); Elmer Nielson (1967-1970); John L. Smith (1970-1978); D. L. Dan Ireland (1978-2008); and since June 1, 2008, the Executive Director has been Joe Godfrey.

Along the way the Alabama Temperance Alliance had a name change to the Alabama Council on Alcohol Problems and then the Alabama Citizens Action Program. Now known as *American Character Builders*, the 501c3 organization continues to provide abstinence-based educational programs to public and private schools, churches and neighborhoods through in-school and before- or after-school programs. Alcohol and other drugs, gambling and other unhealthy choices contribute to the decline in the quality of life in any given society. *American Character Builders* offers an essential service by educating students concerning the dangers of potentially addictive behaviors.

A six member Board of Directors performs its governing duties on a volunteer basis. The organization operates through the financial support of concerned individuals, corporate gifts and community-oriented organizations.

Purpose

American Character Builders is an educational program designed to help students and adults learn how to make wise choices so they will become healthy and productive citizens.

Programs

American Character Builders seeks to accomplish its goal of taking the message of living a healthy, productive lifestyle to students and adults in schools, churches, community centers, corporate offices and other venues by providing resources, training opportunities and presenters/teachers when requested.

The following is a brief list of the various modules offered by *American Character Builders*:

1. Alcohol Awareness
2. Tobacco Awareness
3. Saying NO to Meth, Marijuana and Cocaine!
4. Skills For Real Life
5. Gambling Awareness
6. Suicide Prevention
7. Anger Management
8. Conflict Resolution
9. Violence Prevention in School
10. Character Education
11. Bully Prevention at School
12. Driving Under the Influence
13. Prom Prep
14. Gang Awareness

YOU CAN HELP!

Pray for the *American Character Builders* ministry and staff. *American Character Builders* is a 501C3, nonprofit organization. **Contributions are tax deductible.** Encourage others to support *American Character Builders* financially. Encourage local schools and/or churches to schedule one of the *American Character Builders* education programs.

If you are interested in becoming one of our teacher/presenters, please contact our office at 205.985.9529 or go to our website and contact us by e-mail.



"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ..." **1 Thessalonians 1:3**