PROBLEM SOLVING SCENARIO KID ALCOHOL

PARENT

You are the parent of a teenage son/daughter who is 16 years of age. You were looking for your tennis racquet. When you couldn't find it where you normally keep it, you thought that maybe your son/daughter may have used it and that it might be in his/her room. While looking in your son/daughter's closet, you discovered some bottles of whiskey and wine. Some of the bottles had been opened and were partially consumed.

Your teenager has been getting good grades all the way through school. Recently the grades have started to drop from the usual 3.2 average to a present 2.5.

Your teenager has started hanging around with a crowd you believe to be beneath your son/daughter's class. You have been very concerned but have said nothing about it up to this point.

Your teenager has started riding around in cars with this group until quite late on school nights. Some evenings your teenager is out until well after midnight. When he/she comes home he/she quietly goes promptly to his/her room and avoids talking with anyone or allowing them to get close enough to smell any tell tale odors.

You are concerned that your teenager may be experimenting with drugs or getting involved with alcohol.

You think he/she may be headed in the wrong direction with the wrong group.

You have decided to talk this over with him/her to get a commitment the grades will come back up, stop running around with the wrong group, and be home each school night by not later than 10:00 p.m..

It is now 11:30 p.m. He/she has just come home, gone quickly into the bedroom, and shut the door.

You have decided to talk about it right now while you have some behavior to open the conversation about.

THIS IS THE END OF THIS PROBLEM SOLVING SEQUENCESEQUENCE