

EDITORIAL

In the light of current Commonwealth and State initiatives against substance abuse, it is very appropriate to include the article by Kate White in this issue of *The Aboriginal Child at School*. Her article was one of the invited papers delivered at the 2nd National Drug Institute* held at Darwin in 1985.

Reporting on her experience at Banyan House, Ms White analysed the case histories of 154 resident patients and identified factors in the family and parenting situation which appeared to predispose young people to substance abuse.

Her work could well assist in the early identification of such "at-risk" individuals and provide guidelines for community and educational intervention which is essential if the substance abuse cycle is to be broken.

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Honorary Editor

* *2nd National Drug Institute: Alcohol and Drug Use in a Changing Society*. Proceedings of the 2nd National Drug Institute, Darwin, N.T. Australia, 1985. Edited by K.Larkins, D.McDonald and C.Watson. Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Australia, Canberra 1985. Available from -

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