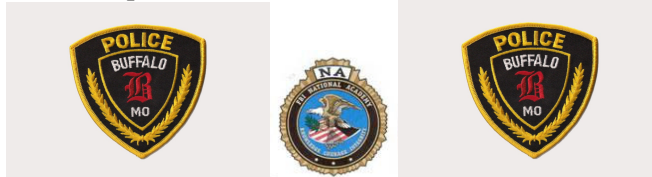


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## **Listen More and Educate our Children.**

I feel that there is a need for fulfillment for children and it is necessary for role models for them to look to. In many cases they need someone to just listen to their problems and give those options, as they are confused at the issues facing them. When there are cases and children have a need and no one will listen to their needs then they will resort to someone who will listen.

There are times when these are not the proper people to listen to their problems. There are those that will victimize these children and through misconceptions will take them in to their grasp and type of environment, whether it is illegal or immoral.

Some children see themselves as having no purpose, meaning, or hope. They need to realize there is hope by letting them know we care about them, each and everyone individually. Kids need to know that it is not the number of friends they have, but the kind of friends they have----and what a friend really is. They need to know that they can analyze a situation without peers agreeing or not, avoiding peer pressure.

Some see adults as role models and their resorting to drugs and/or alcohol as an answer is not leaving them a good message and is definitely not being a good role model for children. The stronger adult role models don't resort to these methods for the answer to problems.

It is necessary that we listen more and educate our children.

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