Activist skeptical of drug awareness group

Farmington area anti-substance abuse activist Betty Nicolay is skeptical about a national foundation that sasking suburban residents for money to fight substance abuse.

"I doubt their legitimace, I and it say they aren't legitimate. But 1 would recommend that residents not send money to then, said Nicolay board chairwoman of Farmington Families in Action. "We don't know where the money is going."
Nicolay joins other Oskland County drug awareness grup members who are skepited of the National Awareness Foundation and its work-book, "All Higgs No Drugs."

may have contributed to the rocky start in Oakland County.
Ruth Harris, founder and staff writer, said the foundation has printed and distributed almost a quarter of a million workbooks since 1986.
For about a month, the foundation has operated a phone bank in Southfield, calling homes in Birmingham, Southfield, Troy, Farmington Hills and other areas seeking money. The foundation has an office in Southfield.

PATRONS GET their names list-ed in the workbook, which is to be printed in May or June. Businesses are also asked to buy advertise-

who are skeptical of the National Awareness Foundation and its workbook, "all flugs No Drugs."
The workbook's alm is to encourage straight talk between children and their parents about drug and alcohol abuse.
Even the East Coast founder of the National Awareness Foundation, which prints the free workbook, sald exaggerated claims of endorsement

tional Awareness Foundation.

After checking out the foundation, Nicolay said she found the organization didn't register with the federally indied Parent Resource Institute on Drug Education, which most drug awareness programs work through. The National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth also knew nothing of the foundation.

Nicolay also said the state office of Families in Action in Birmingham asked the National Awareness Poundation for information about the group. "They didn't get it," she said.

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Berger said she was sent a "generic" solicitation letter asking for \$10.
"I thought it was real loose, and that it was money they were after," Berger said.

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The non-profit foundation is a corporation "in good standing" in Delaware, according to that state's attorney general's office. It is not incorporated in Michigan, where such a status is optional.

Helen Bartlett, supervisor of the Michigan Attorney General's Chari-table Trust Division, said she has no

The foundation's regional mana-ger, Darrell Nelson, said the group is not a charity and he sent in a ques-tionnaire to the state almost two weeks ago.

IN THE first 30 days, Nelson said the calters had received about \$3,000 in pledges from pairons and ad-vertisers. They don't take donations, he stressed, and they are not a chari-

Health officials are gun-shy about unknown groups calling to raise money for drug and alcohol abuse

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The "All Hugs, No Drugs" work-book is for children from grades 2 to 6 to take home and complete with their families. It features 40 pages of word searches, Dear Abby-style questions for children to answer, fill-in-the-blank surveys, quizzes and drawings they can sketch.

Staff writers Dave Varga and im Smith contributed to this sto-

Man hospitalized after 2-car accident

A 48-year-old Farmington Hills man, who witnesses say drove through a red stop light, was serious-ly injured Tuesday morning in a two-car colliston at the intersection of Inster and 10 Mile, Southfeld pub-lic information officer Gary Conat said

condition at Botsford Hospital in cident scene. Farmington Hills.

Two others received minor injuries in the 6:20 a.m. accident, which closed 10 Mile between Inkster and Beech for an hour. Conat said the road was closed to allow police to complete an investigation of the ac-

The car driven northbound on Ink-ster by the Farmington Hills man collided with one driven eastbound on 10 Mile by a 28-year-old Farm-ington Hills woman, police said.

CONAT SAID the front end of the

woman's car apparently hit the northbound car at the driver's side.

Although she was not injured, two passengers in her car were, Conat said. A 39-year-old Farmington Hills man and 34-year-old Farmington Hills woman sought their own medi-cal treatment, he said.



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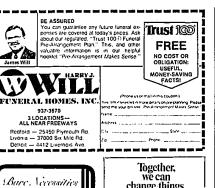
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