## MAKING YOUR OWN PINWHEEL

Here's a craft project that will allow children a chance to participate in your community's **Pinwheels for Prevention** activities. This activity can be used in schools, daycare centers, after-school programs, church groups, etc.

## **Materials**

- · a push pin
- a square piece of construction paper (about 8.5" x 8.5")
- · a sharpened pencil with eraser
- scissors

## **Procedure**

- 1. Lay the square paper flat on a table and draw a line diagonally from each corner to the opposite corner.
- 2. Mark the center of the square where the two lines cross and punch a small hole through it with the pencil tip.
- 3. Next, cut along each line stopping about an inch from the hole in the center of the square.
- 4. Take the pin and punch a hole in the top left corner of each of the four flaps. (No two holes should be next to each other.)
- 5. Pick-up a flap at a punched corner and carefully curve it over toward the center hole, securing it with the pin.
- Repeat this for the other flaps.
- 7. When all four flaps are held by the pin, carefully lift the paper without letting the flaps unfurl.
- 8. Lay the pencil flat on a table and carefully push the point of the push pin into the side of the eraser.
- Now your pinwheel is complete and ready to go. Pick-up the pinwheel near the pencil point and let it catch the wind.



