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Focus on Families
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Rick Catalano and David Hawkins worked with us to develop a program called Focus on Family and that was for women with children. It became nationally known, it was part of the White House paper when Clinton was in the office, and I have some data on that if you want that. The research for that has been going on for ten years with followup to see how those children and how those families under Focus on Family are doing.

The purpose of that was to see if in fact, the program that Rick Catalano and David Hawkins had put together would have an impact on the parents and their use. The side thing we found out is that it has an impact on the use of the children. So they learn parenting skills, management skills, nutrition skills. We would go into their home. It ran around \$100,000 the first year, and it was all covered for 3 years.

After the 3 years was up, the Federal Government as they have a tendency to do, did not renew it. So we began to put it into our budget. It was so important. And so the Focus on Family now is being run currently at 2 sites, one here at Summit and the site at Midvale. And we rotate it. It's a 16 week course and we get into all kinds of things: Parenting skills, nutrition, education, it really creates a closer bond. A lot of these mothers are single parents. The fathers, very few of the fathers over the years are involved in it. It was so important that Bill Moyer came here several years ago and did a special show nationally on the program in conjunction with some other programs that he had relevant to substance use.