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A THREE-TIERED APPROACH TO PREVENTION. K.A. Douglas; L.E. Macauley; J.R. Doe; W. Scott. Abbotsford University, School of Medicine, Melrose, NY 12121.

Our goal is to provide families with as much information as possible so that parents can help their children resist alcohol and drug abuse. Since the family is the greatest unit of nurturing, that's where we decided to target our efforts...