

Drug Program Offices Moving To Flemington

The Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, currently operating from offices on Church Street in Lambertville, will move Oct. 15 to a house owned by the Flemington Baptist Church at 168 Main Street in the county seat.

Adrienne Peck, executive director of the non-profit program which provides counselling to drug and alcohol abusers and prevention efforts to the public, reported on the move to the board of directors last Wednesday. She said the new headquarters will provide much more room.

In addition, she noted that the building, which is next to the Baptist church, is centrally located in the county. The program, called by its initials, DAP, will rent the entire first floor. Hunterdon YMCA has its administrative offices on the second floor.

Ms. Peck said the church pastor, Rev. Marcus Pomeroy, and the congregation have been very helpful in preparing for the move. They are painting rooms and making several necessary renovations at no charge to the drug program.

DAP will not abandon Lambertville, she stressed. Dr. Lawrence Russell, a board member who works at the Phillips-Barber Health Center in Lambertville, has arranged for DAP to use office space there one day a week for counselling sessions with clients.

A predecessor to DAP was opened in Lambertville in 1977 after a group of area residents became concerned about the increase in drug and alcohol problems in South Hunterdon. NARCO, a rehabilitation program established in other parts of the state, opened a local office. In 1981 Hunterdon Drug Awareness was incorporated as an independent treatment and prevention center, and it serves the entire county.

It operated on a budget of just under \$125,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, of which \$96,529 came in government grants, \$15,833 was donated by individuals through the United Way, and another \$9,261 came in private donations and foundation grants.