Educators to attend sessions on drug problems in schools

All-day in-service education workshops on drug problems in the schools are scheduled Thursday and Friday at the Holiday Inn in New Philadelphia.

Sponsored by the newly-formed Drug Abuse Council, formed through the efforts of the Tuscarawas and Carroll county board of mental health, the workshop will feature a number of speakers, including six members of a team trained at Adelphi University National Training Institute.

The Drug Abuse Council recently has been incorporated as the "body to be responsible for all prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and alternative services" and has begun work with area schools.

One part of the workshop will include an exploration of possible policies and procedures as guidelines for drug related problems in schools. The discussion and interaction will be led by Dr. Loren Hoch of Akron University and Joe Dick, health education director for the Akron health department.

Other speakers include J. C. Shew, Tuscarawas County assistant prosecutor; Jim Wright and Linda Van Cooney of the Belmont Joint Vocational School; Sharon Hogarth and Carolyn Green of the state departments of mental health and education, respectively; Robert Swonger, Tuscarawas Valley junior high administrator; and Lester Green, a Carrollton High student.

The workshop is geared to school administrators, guidance counselors, nurses, teachers and students. Les Erench is coordinator of the Drug Abuse Council program.