

***The Alliance Against Drugs – Attorney General’s Office Collaboration on the
REGIONAL “PREVENTION VIDEO SERIES”
Related to Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Cyber-bullying and other Child Safety Issues***

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(update to the February 2010 EdLine & district Web site announcement)

To: Fox Chapel Area School District Parents/Guardians:

The Fox Chapel Area School District (FCASD) has been working with other regional school districts and non-public schools to encourage parents to access educational resources related to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and other child safety issues including Internet safety and cyber-bullying. The Alliance Against Drugs and the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office produced the “Prevention Video of the Month” program during the 2009 – 2010 school year. These short videos (approximately 15 minutes each) are streamed over a high-speed Internet connection by using the link below. No usernames or passwords are required. Should you have technical difficulties and/or prefer to view the videos in DVD format, you may contact your school’s librarian or Volunteers of America’s All of Us Care located at 1650 Main Street in Sharpsburg (412-782-6855).

Research has shown that the more parents talk with their children about concerns addressed by these videos, the greater the chances are that children will refrain from making inappropriate choices. The Fox Chapel Area School District has also been proactive in addressing such issues as they may be related to school matters. In addition to the availability of the videos to the community, student and parent sessions have been conducted utilizing the videos “Listen,” “Cyber-bullying,” and “Operation Safe Surf”.

While most are geared for students’ viewing from grades six and up, parents are encouraged to preview the videos to make decisions about sharing them with their children at home.

On behalf of the Fox Chapel Area School District’s administrative and faculty planning team, we hope you find this information to be beneficial.

See next page for a video index.

For Internet access go to the Multimedia link at the following site

<http://www.drug-alliance.org>

Mac computer users should take special note of the directions at the top of the index on the Web site.

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Updated December 2010 Index for Prevention Videos and Primary Producers sequenced according to the DVD packaging	Brief Description
> Listen (Alliance Against Drugs)	Encourages parents/guardians and community members to address the real dangers and threats of drugs in our region
> Truth and Choices; Shane’s Story (Attorney General’s Office)	Student shares his story about drug addiction, along with its effects through the views of his family, law enforcement and medical professionals
> Deception (Alliance Against Drugs)	Details the extent to which teens will go to support their addiction and hide it from parents; provides suggestions for parents on effective vigilance and intervention
> What Help Looks Like (Attorney General’s Office)	Addresses issues of deceit, denial and enabling; provides information from multiple area agencies who can help
> Operation Safe Surf (Attorney General’s Office)	Provides detailed explanations on how sexual predators target and gain access to minors; also provides suggestions for parents on how to better protect their children
> Breaking the Code of Silence (Alliance Against Drugs)	Community leaders, parents, and teens describing the current status of the drug culture – with emphasis on responsible reporting
> Sticks and Stones: Cyber-bullying (Attorney General’s Office)	Addresses the realities of cyber-bullying and provides suggestions and resources on how to effectively protect students from being bullied
> Signs of Trouble (Alliance Against Drugs)	<i>This video is intended for parent/guardian viewing (not children/students).</i> Specific description and demonstration of materials used to contain and use drugs; provides parents with knowledge about where and how to look for signs of usage
> Teens Talking (Michael Bartley for The Alliance)	Local professional experts and students in 8 th through 10 th grade discuss concerns regarding topics such as “sexting, drinking, drugs”.