

***Sachem AWARE Task Force
Sachem Central School District and
Sachem PTAs
Presents***

Sachem Is AWARE

**Recognizing and Preventing
Drug Abuse in Our
Community**

**November 17, 2009
Sachem High School East
7—9:30 PM**

Following our main presentation, please join us at one of the following sessions for information from various experts:

“What Do I Do Now?”

Presented by Brentwood Outreach

After your child has admitted to having a problem with drugs, there is no easy journey to a cure. What care is necessary after your child has admitted to having a drug problem and what services should you seek. (Auditorium)

“How Can I Keep My Child Drug Free?”

Presented by Lou Medina of Suffolk County Youth Department.

Keeping your child active and involved in various programs and activities is shown to lessen the risk your child will get involved with drugs. Learn about what programs are available in our community. (Cafeteria B)

“How Can Sachem Schools Help My Child and Family?”

Presented by Counseling Staff members from Sachem Central School District.

Those moments when you suspect your child might be using drugs is filled with anxiety and uncertainty. The Sachem School District has counselors available to assist your family in navigating the services and helping you with information when you need it most. (Courtroom)

“You Are Not Alone In This Battle”

Presented by a Parent

Many parents feel isolated when they discover their child is addicted. They fear speaking to others and feel that the stigma of drug abuse will be overwhelming – leaving many with no one to speak with. This presentation will allow you to hear of the struggle other families have had and you will understand that drug addiction is not isolated. (Library)

“What’s Going On In My Community?”

Presented by Suffolk County Police Department and Suffolk County Probation Department

Find out the facts about what the police department is doing to combat drug trafficking in our communities and what you need to know if your child is caught with illegal drugs. How do parents access the Alternatives for Youth (AFY) and Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) systems when they need additional support for their child? AFY is a program designed to assist families in choosing attainable goals while providing access to the services needed to reach these goals. (Little Theater)

*****Sachem East DECA Students Will Assist in Providing Directions to Breakout Sessions*****

Program

Opening Remarks

Rory Manning

Sachem High School East Principal

Denise Dolan

Sachem High School East Assistant Principal

Featured Presentations

“The Effects of Drug Use on the Adolescent Brain”

Dr. Stephen Dewey

Feinstein Institute for Medical Research

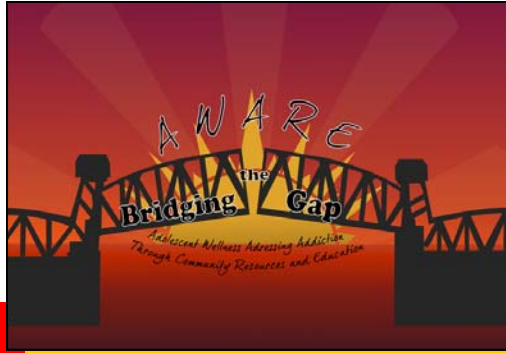
“The Signs and Symptoms of Drug Usage In Teens”

Brentwood Outreach

“A Personal Journey”

A Parent’s Story

Breakout Sessions to Follow



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