

# Sachem Drug Prevention Forum

## The Truth about Heroin and Substance Abuse in our Community

Parent Awareness...

The first step in protecting your child in today's world

*"No child wakes up one morning and decides today is the day I am going to try heroin, it is a progression of substance use that can lead to heroin abuse. The challenge is for parents to be aware of the signs of substance use that can lead to addiction and further abuse."*

### Guest Speakers:

- Victor and Doreen Ciappa:  
Lost their daughter Natalie to a heroin overdose in 2008
- Agent Charles Bernard, Drug Enforcement Administration  
How Heroin has reached Long Island
- John M. Venza, VP of Adolescent Services for Outreach Project  
Strategies for increasing parent awareness of adolescent substance use

Following the presentations, representatives from local agencies specializing in substance abuse and prevention will be available to meet with audience members

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**7:30 pm**

**Samoset Middle School Auditorium**

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