Chasing the Dragon: The Life of An Opiate Addict

Documentary

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Chasing the Dragon Discussion Guide

• Documentary is appropriate for high school students, young adults, parents, and community members

• Central Themes:
  – Everyone is at risk
  – Opiate addiction can occur quickly
  – A life-consuming routine
  – Increasing tolerance
  – Legal and health consequences
  – Withdrawal
  – Overdoses are common
  – Death
  – Saying no
  – Help
Approximately one in five high school seniors reports misusing prescription drugs at least once in their lifetime.

Most first-time abusers of painkillers obtain them from a friend or relative.

More than 10 million people 12 years and older in the US reported nonmedical use of prescription opioids in 2014.

Each day, 44 people in the US die from an overdose of prescription painkillers.

80% of recent heroin users started with prescription opioids.
Heroin Educational Toolkit

- Heroin Educational Toolkit: increase awareness about dangers and risks of heroin use among youth and young adults

- Toolkit Contains:
  - Signs & Symptoms
  - Naloxone Training Video
  - NIDA/Scholastic Lessons
  - Chasing the Dragon DVD
  - Fact Sheets & Briefings
  - Printable Resources
    - SAMHSA Overdose Prevention Toolkit
    - Overdose Prevention Poster, Flyer & Postcard (English & Spanish)
    - UCF Overdose Prevention Card
Warning: This Drug May Kill You
HBO Documentary

- Devastating effects of opioid addiction in the US
- Profiles four families whose lives have been decimated by addiction that began with legitimate prescriptions
- Shares the personal and emotional stories of people on the front lines of this epidemic
- Contains extended interviews with featured experts available on HBO.com/opioids
- Documentary should not be viewed by children under the age of 14 without adult supervision
Prevention Resources

• Orange County Drug Free Coalition Drug Prevention Corner in partnership with Orange County Library System
  – Heroin Rising: Cheap, Addictive and Deadly (grades 7 – college)
  – Marijuana and the Teenage Brain DVD (grades 7-college)
  – Everything You Need to Know About E-Cigarettes, Vaping and Hookahs (grades 7 – college)
  – High on Spice: The Dangers of Synthetic Marijuana (grades 7-college)
  – This Place (14 yrs. and older)
  – Natural High DVD (6th-12th grades)
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