

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The video you are viewing this month, “Shane’s Story” was developed by our Attorney General Tom Corbett. Due to the fact that this video is geared toward youth as young as 7th grade, we strongly recommend that you have your children 7th grade and older view it as well. After you have watched this video, please use the talking points as a guideline for discussing Shane’s Story with your children. We encourage you to use our special blog to submit your questions, comments and feedback.

“Shane’s Story”: Truth and Choices Talking Points

What is your definition of an “American Kid”?

How can drinking impair your way to the “American Dream”?

Did you ever say you would “never” do something and then did? What changed your mind?

How do friends influence your decisions?

Have your friends ever been the reason you changed your mind about doing something you said you would “never” do? (Ask for examples.)

Why do you think that Shane became so troubled? (Discuss the frustration of the “progression” of addiction, i.e., how to get drugs, how to buy drugs, where to get money to buy drugs, stealing from people he loves, etc.)

If using illegal drugs can lead to jail or death, what will you do to not use drugs in the first place?

** Parents, please listen carefully to your children’s responses. If they are defensive or attempt to justify using drugs and alcohol, trust your “gut” that there is a potential cause for concern.*