Heroin and Opioid Awareness Conference
Presented by the
United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Connecticut
Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00pm
Western CT State University, Midtown Campus, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT
Ives Concert Hall

Please join the Justice and Law Society for a showing of “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict,” a powerful documentary created by the FBI and DEA to educate students and parents about the dangers of addiction. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion with a federal prosecutor, DEA agent, and two local parents who lost children to an opioid overdose.

The mission of the U.S. Attorney’s Heroin Education Action Team (USA HEAT) is to stop the spread of the opioid abuse epidemic in Connecticut by increasing community understanding of the dangers associated with these drugs. USA HEAT is a partnership between the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Connecticut and families who have lost a loved one to an overdose. These courageous moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and children share their stories in order to educate others about the warning signs and dangers associated with opioid use and abuse. By doing so, they hope to help others avoid the pain they have suffered.

Oxycodone, heroin, fentanyl, and other opioids have become widely and easily available in Connecticut. As a result, we have seen a significant increase in the number of young adults who use and abuse opioids, often with deadly consequences. The scourge of opioids is not limited to any particular locality, socioeconomic group, race, or gender. Rather, there have been overdoses and overdose deaths in every county in Connecticut; Fairfield County – and the city of Danbury – are no exception.

USA HEAT seeks to inform our communities of what we are up against, and what we can do to fight back. Our team members deliver a compelling message based on the tragedy that they have experienced first-hand with the goal of implementing a coordinated, effective response to this growing threat.

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