



Hackensack  
Meridian Health



## OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

PRESENTS

*Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict*

Provided by the FBI Newark Citizens Academy Alumni Association

In collaboration with the **FBI Newark Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Hackensack Meridian Hospital, and the Lakeland Bank Foundation, bergenPAC** has created a virtual assembly program that is designed to educate students on the rising issue of Opioid Abuse. The Chasing the Dragon program has become an extremely powerful program that has already impacted an estimated 5,000+ students so far for this important life topic about opioids. It has become apparent that we have become very successful in educating students and teachers on the opioid epidemic and how to deal when confronted with these real-life situations. The goal of this program is to ensure that students will make the right choices if they come into contact with opioids and other drugs. It is widely known that this drug does not discriminate so it is our goal to reach as many students as possible, but to present this message into all demographics whether underserved or affluent.

Schools that we have already visited: Janis Dismus Middle School, The Valley Middle School, Passaic ASCS Middle School, Passaic ASCS High School, Ivy Hill Elementary School, Paterson ASCS Mid-High School, Franklin Avenue Middle School, Bergen ASCS Middle School, Schuyler-Cofax Middle School, Teaneck High School, Emerson Middle School, Dwight Morrow High School, and Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

***To schedule your virtual assembly or for any questions please contact Gerrilynn Guerrero, Assistant Director of Outreach at The Performing Arts School at bergenPAC at [gguerrero@bergenpac.org](mailto:gguerrero@bergenpac.org).***

Each school will receive the following materials:

- Teacher Curriculum: Pre-Film Lesson Plans #1-4
- Chasing the Dragon Video: (Approx. 35min)
  - FBI Agent Presenter
  - Orthopedic Doctor Presenter
  - bergenPAC Hip-Hop Artist – Art and Writing Contest
- Teacher Curriculum: Post-Film Lesson Plans #5
- Student Quiz (Google Form or Print Out Available)
- Art and Writing Contest Information (1 Winner from each school)

We are very excited to be able to offer that this program at absolutely no cost! Don't just take our word for it, see what other schools have to say about our Opioid Abuse Prevention Program!

### Testimonials:

"Please pass along a very sincere thank you to Lakeland Bank, Hackensack Meridian Hospital (Dr. Kelly), BergenPAC, and the FBI Academy on an outstanding program this morning for the students at VMS. The presentation and level of care for this important topic is greatly valued. It was tremendous to be able to provide this for our students."

*– Gina Coffaro, Superintendent at Valley Middle School in Oakland*

"I loved the program and watched the full video with all 130 of my 7th and 8th graders."

*– Jamie Summers-Johnson, Teacher at Ivy Hill School in Newark*