

**E-mailed Comments from Attendees of the  
State House Educational Forum on Prescription Drug Abuse**

"Thanks for this brilliantly produced and very hopeful piece. I'm going to use it and pass along to families. It illustrates very nicely the progression that goes with addiction."

"The event and the DVD were terrific – emotionally engaging and scientifically accurate. Congratulations on a job well done – I will do my best to spread your work around to the communities I work with across the state."

"Today was really great. You hit it out of the park. You're attention to detail is what sets you apart from all the rest!"

"Congratulations! Outstanding! The video is excellent. I was moved to tears by the piece on Joel as well as the tragic story of the Bildner's. It was a powerfully important event that hopefully will change attitudes and lives. I was energized by the optimistic story of Trevor. And of course I remain continually impressed by your ability to hold the entire event in the palm of your hand."

"*Drugs: True Stories* is a powerful tool to stimulate discussion among school age youth - and adults- about drugs. As part of our city-wide initiative to reduce risk behaviors and injuries associated with drug use, *Drugs: True Stories* will be presented in the classroom and in teacher and nurses trainings, and parent meetings."

"Being a prevention specialist, I am very aware of the current problems facing our youth today. However I wish to applaud your efforts on providing this exceptional tool to help educate students and parents on this issue. To often educational video's educate individuals on "how to get high" versus highlighting the serious consequences. Your DVD clearly provides both youth and parents with necessary information without crossing the line."

"CONGRATULATIONS! As the Principal of Danvers High School who is responsible for being the Chair of the Safety Committee for the town's schools, I want to tell you Friday's conference was on of the BEST that I have ever attended. We are doing many things to attempt to combat the influence of drugs and alcohol in the town of Danvers, and I absolutely believe that the DRUGS DVD will be greatly utilized. I have been in education for 34 years and I applaud all of the efforts that you and Senator Tolman have achieved. If I can be of any service in writing a recommendation from a school administrator's point of view for your organization, please feel free to call upon me."

"My son has a best friend who just graduated from an addiction program because of OxyContin so I've seen the impact on lives up close. THANK YOU for tackling another extremely important issue to our teens and young adults. You have the ability to reach so many people with your programs."

"This was an exceptional forum produced and moderated by Jeanne Blake. It heightened awareness to act upon suspicions of drug/alcohol issues and intervene early. The materials are pertinent to our student population and strong on impact."