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## **The Solutions Foundation To Train Administrators In Clark County School District On Opiate Awareness**

**LAS VEGAS** – Jan. 6, 2009. The Solutions Foundation will hold its initial Opiate Awareness training for administrators at the Clark County School District (CCSD) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Jan. 7, 2009.

The Solutions Foundation has launched an opiate campaign aimed to combat the use of opiates by introducing an informational booklet, and creating a parent tool kit which will provide educational material on the opiates and suggestions for discussing drugs with children.

“There has been a marked increase in the number of people addicted to prescription pain pills and more and more of Nevada’s youth are experimenting with black tar heroin,” said Michael R. Adams, LCSW, a board member for The Foundation as well as a licensed social worker in Nevada. “We want to offer a proactive response to the problem.”

Arlene Hummel, Coordinator of the Clark County School District’s Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program believes that “...raising both student, staff and parent awareness regarding the dangers of the often easily accessible opiates and over-the-counter-drugs is a critical step in prevention in our community . Families need to communicate more openly with their children, and hopefully, the information provided in the Opiate Awareness Campaign will offer both parents and educators the opportunity to encourage children to make healthy choices.”

The Opiate Awareness Campaign will be introduced to Clark County School District students via “It’s Tough Being a Teen, Don’t Make it Tougher,” a handbook which will be distributed to 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The handbooks were developed by local clinicians along with multiple healthcare professionals. The handbooks describe the cognitive, physical and psychological effects of opiates. Additionally, over 1,000 individuals will receive training in order to educate other adults and children on opiates and its consequences.

“Our youth are our greatest resource,” said Sheila Moulton, the president of the school board. “Organizations like The Solutions Foundation that work with parents, students and educators to ensure that young people remain free from addictions through education and support, are worthy of our support.”

The Solutions Foundation is scheduled to continue its opiate awareness training for CCSD counselors and health instructors on Jan. 23, 2009. For more information on The Solutions Foundation Opiate Awareness Reception or the organization itself, contact Tracy Adams or visit [www.solutions-foundation.org](http://www.solutions-foundation.org).

### **About The Solutions Foundation:**

Incorporated in 2006, The Solutions Foundation is a Nevada 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that serves as a community advocate to combat the prevalence of substance abuse within the state of Nevada. The main functions of The Foundation are to provide education, prevention, training and treatment regarding chemical dependency. The Solutions Foundation is incorporated by the Nevada Secretary of State, and is certified by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA).

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