

## Talking points for Parents after viewing the video “Listen”

These are talking points to help you guide a discussion after viewing the “Listen” video. As the “Listen” video has been shown to hundreds of 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older children, the Alliance strongly encourages you to view this first video in the series with your child. “Listen” is a video that can help parents to begin discussion concerning why drug use cannot be an acceptable behavior, and the deadly consequences that can occur to the child and their family when they make unhealthy choices.

What’s important is to get your child to talk about what they saw, to understand why it’s OK to go to an adult, what to do when something doesn’t “feel” right (talk to an adult), and to end with a positive affirmation you can reinforce your child to achieve..

Kick-off question:

1. What are your thoughts about what you saw in the video?

Possible follow-up questions:

2. What did you hear the mom’s say in the video about how drugs can hurt *other* people?
3. What did the mom mean when she said she did not think kids would listen?
4. Why would someone still use drugs knowing that a friend had died from using drugs?
5. Why didn’t someone tell the mother’s that their son or daughter was using drugs?

Decision-making/responsibility/integrity:

6. In what dangerous situations would you ask for help from an adult?
7. Would you tell an adult if someone you knew was using drugs?

Ending on a positive:

8. Ask your child to write down something positive that they want to do/accomplish. It could be something big or something small...just something that matters to them.