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**Heroin's Impact Reflected in Free Performances of "Addicted"; Original Play Featuring North Harford High School Students**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (Feb. 8 2016) - Spotlights heroin's impact on our community, the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy will soon present four free performances of the original play "Addicted". Written and directed by North Harford High School psychologist Christle Henzel, "Addicted" takes an honest look at the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on individuals, their relationships and family members. This powerful drama, performed by North Harford H.S. students and alumni, will be shown this year on Thursday, February 25, and Friday, February 26, at North Harford High, 211 Pylesville Road in Pylesville. A second set of showings is planned for Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, at Mt. Zion Church, 1643 E. Churchville Road in Bel Air. All performances will begin at 7:00 p.m.

"After watching my niece fight for her life for seven years and then losing her at age 24 to heroin, I can tell you this play is absolutely true to life," said Barbara Ford, school psychologist at Magnolia Middle School. "It captures the feelings of the addict and the family members honestly and deeply. Ms. Henzel has put her heart and soul into this production to save lives. It's a must-see for every high schooler."

All performances are open to the public; however, parental discretion is advised, as the play's subject matter is geared toward high school students and adults, and may not be appropriate for children under the age of 13. A video trailer for the live performance can be viewed here: <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/449/Office-on-Drug-Control-Policy>

“The play ‘Addicted’, which exposes the heart-wrenching impact of addiction and overdose, is a potent tool in our efforts to stop local youth from ever trying drugs and alcohol,” said Joe Ryan, administrator of the Office of Drug Control Policy under the administration of Harford County Executive Barry Glassman. “We are grateful for our partnership with Ms. Henzel, the North Harford High School Drama Club, and Harford County Public Schools, whose endeavors have made these performances possible.”

The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), a division of the Harford County Department of Community Services, is Harford County’s Lead Prevention Agency. If you or someone you know needs help with addiction, contact the ODCP at 410-638-3333.

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