IN THE KNOW:

Heroin is a modified version of the drug morphine and is very addictive

How It Affects the Body

and illegal. It can be injected, snorted or smoked. Heroin use leads to increased crime and violence, HIV/AIDS epidemics, destroys communities, and takes a terrible toll on a user's body.

Blurred vision Reduced Vision Watery eyes

Addiction, Tolerance & Withdrawal Brain damage Depression Insomnia

Memory loss

Snorting heroin causes bleeding, sore nostrils



Heart valve and lining infections Heart disease Heart failure Death

> Weight Loss Vomiting Cramping Nausea

Slowed breathing Breathing cessation Pneumonia Tuberculosis

> Injection site sores and scarring Bruises Infections

WWWW Shared needles can lead to Hepatitis C and HIV infection MESTINES Chronic KDNEYS constipation Hemorrhoids **Damage from increased** Anal fissures protein in urine **Kidney failure** REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS Impotence in men **Menstruation problems in women**

BLOOD VESSELS

Collapsed/scarred arteries and veins Blood clots (leading to gangrene in hands and feet)

Out of Control

More than half a million Americans used heroin in 2013 – an alarming increase of over 150% since 2007.

USING HEROIN WHILE PREGNANT RAISES THE RISK OF:

Stillbirths & miscarriages Birth defects Baby addicted and suffering from withdrawal symptoms

Stay Clean - Don't Become Heroin's Slave.