

Cornelius Barker, MA

aka “Dr. Doom” A former gang member who became a school administrator, Cornelius’ world was one of constant trials and tribulations. Serving for more than 25 years as a classroom teacher and administrator, he delivers motivational lectures that help students reevaluate themselves and their interaction with peers. He lectures to school and community groups on the topic of cognitive & behavioral trends exhibited by today’s youth, and in the process, he develops respectful disciplines over oppressed young minds Dr. Doom is not a nightmare. The letters that make up the name are an acronym, that represent: Developing Respectful Disciplines Over Oppressed Young Minds.

Cornelius wants the world to know that anyone who works for the betterment of the welfare of children and society as a whole are also a DR. DOOM.



Topics Include

- Gang and Violence Prevention • Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- Overcoming Adversity • Parental Involvement • Staff Development Training

Presentations provide an opportunity for students, staff and parents to address today's challenging issues through impromptu and scripted role-playing and skits. It provides a very interactive presentation that will leave the audience with the possibility of making better choices in life.

These illustrations and demonstrations will afford the audience the possibility of reflecting on their social, physical and emotional needs. The follow-up activities will allow a visual comprehensive assessment of the concepts presented in order to ascertain if what was viewed was taught.

Presentations Include

“Listening With Your Eyes”

Regaining the pulse of your child with solutions to a better relationship.

“For Ladies Only”

An inside look at the pressures that confront our young ladies

“The Wall”

Conquering Obstacles.

“The Choice: Stupidity vs. Dignity”

Children making choices that will affect their lives.

“Let There Be Peace”

There is a choice...the inner realities of gang involvement.

“Daddy or Father”

Parents/guardians living up to their responsibilities.

“And Yet He Lived”

A Fact-based lecture about a child’s journey through poverty

“The Life of a Jock”

The academic and athletic pressures on and off the court

Testimonials

“Cornelius Barker connected with the students immediately and stayed connected throughout his presentations. His infusion of humor to make a point and use of student participation was very effective. I highly recommend his program”
– Donald Wernes, Principal, Henry P. Becton Regional High School.

“The audience (students, education staff and custody staff) remained captivated the entire time (a rare event here!). At the conclusion, Mr. Barker took time to speak to students individually. I believe he has left a permanent mark on all those who listened and participated.” – George Young, Supervisor of Instruction, Union County Juvenile Detention Center, Elizabeth, N.J.

“Dr. Barker understands our world” – Student participant, YWCA of Essex and West Hudson

“Mr. Barker was truly remarkable. His interaction with the audience was a sight to behold. Never do I remember an adult audience being so eager to participate. Cornelius was able to bring out both the adult and the child in each and every one of us. His enthusiasm was contagious, his emotion was sincere and his message was very clear.” – Gail Hartman, Curriculum Consultant, Office of Educational Services, State of N.J.