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## Police and Communities Working Together

### *The "Padres 360" Program hosted at the Ciudad de Refugio*

On Dec. 4, 2011 the Glen Cove Police Department, the SAFE Inc. PRIDE Coalition, and the Ciudad de Refugio church of Glen Cove partnered with The Partnership at Drugfree.org to host Glen Cove's first "Padres 360: Ustedes Hacen la Diferencia!"

The PACT360 program is a law enforcement-led community prevention education system designed to deal with existing drug and alcohol issues and rapidly respond to emerging drug threats. The goal is to help reduce illicit drug use and its accompanying criminal behavior thereby improving the safety and quality of life of the community – a goal that the PRIDE Coalition and Glen Cove Police Department have been working toward in Glen Cove for several years.

The Padres 360 program is a parenting drug prevention presentation designed to help parents understand, prevent, and address drug and alcohol issues. The multimedia presentation, "Parents: You

Matter," educates parents of teens and tweens about why kids use drugs and alcohol, what parents can do to protect their children, how to communicate with their kids, monitor their activities, spot drug and alcohol use, and what a parent should do when they find it. The presentation contains a number of videos, including public service announcements developed by The Partnership at Drugfree.org, first person stories, and information from experts.

Contracting with The Partnership at Drugfree.org, the Glen Cove Police Department is to thank for bringing this training free of charge to our city. The first police department to be trained in this program on Long Island, Glen Cove Police officers remain on the forefront of effective drug and alcohol prevention education.

For more information on the PACT360 program, including "Padres 360" visit [www.drugfree.org/pact360](http://www.drugfree.org/pact360). To access online resources from The Partnership at Drugfree.org, visit [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org), [www.timetotalk.org](http://www.timetotalk.org) and [www.timetoact.drugfree.org](http://www.timetoact.drugfree.org). For more information on attending a PACT360 program in Glen Cove, contact the SAFE, Inc. office at 676-2008.