

SAFE, Inc. PRIDE Project Coalition Partners with NYS OASAS and the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force to address community concerns

On Jan. 31, Board Chair Georgie Connett, SAFE Executive Director Dr. Sharon Harris, Coalition Coordinator Aimee Abraham LMSW and Nassau County Department of Mental Health/ NYS Office of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence prevention liaison Caroline Quadrino met with Staff Sergeant David You from the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force to discuss resources that will help to strengthen SAFE's Glen Cove PRIDE Project Coalition whose mission is to eliminate alcohol and substance abuse in Glen Cove.

SAFE's PRIDE Project Coalition discussed partnering with the New York National Guard to achieve its mission. The Coalition has accomplished many of its goals through funding and support from SAFE, Inc., the Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant, the City of Glen Cove, Community Development Agency, community leaders and volunteers of Glen Cove. The coalition drives its goals and objectives based on the outcomes of needs assessment data and contributions from all 12 sectors of the community to gauge the effectiveness of the Coalition's efforts and to remain cognizant of the areas that need to be addressed.

The National Guard Counterdrug Task Force bridges the gap between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Non-DoD institutions in the fight against il-

licit drugs and transnational threats to the Homeland. The NGCTF's goal is to provide the nation with a drug-free mission ready force to defend the interests of its citizens at home and abroad. Through this partnership, the National Guard will be able to increase the Coalition's capacity to identify and address needs, improve communication, and data sharing with law enforcement and enhance our ability to implement alcohol and substance abuse prevention strategies. "The Counterdrug Task Force covers the areas of New York City, from the Mid-Hudson area to the Suffolk region, with civil operation programs to promote community development and coalition building" stated Staff Sergeant David You. The New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force provide coalition's with technical assistance and training to create a strong response to alcohol and substance abuse within New York's communities to ensure long-term positive behavior outcomes.

For further information on any SAFE, Inc. PRIDE Project Coalition and their initiatives contact Coalition Coordinator Aimee Abraham at 516-676-2008. SAFE Inc. is a not for profit tax exempt substance abuse education and prevention agency located in Glen Cove. Visit our website at www.safeglen Cove.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GlenCovePrideCoalition.