

SAFE And National Guard Partner On Workshops

SAFE's Glen Cove PRIDE Project Coalition's Youth Committee is dedicated to utilizing needs assessment data to identify and provide prevention activities and programs for youth. Over the summer, through the coalition's partnership with the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, the youth committee was able to incorporate youth workshops with youth between the first and eighth grade.

"The New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Civil Operations Program strives to improve the health and well-being of NY's communities. We hope to accomplish this by aiding various coalitions such as Glen Cove's SAFE in achieving their goals in anyway possible. This enables us to become a force multiplier and help ensure long-term positive behavior outcomes," said Staff Sergeant David You.

You visited with youth attending the Glen Cove After 3 Program on July 31 and discussed the consequences of making wrongful decisions and the lasting effects of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. The youth tried on fatal vision goggles to help them experience realistic impairments while being intoxicated. The older youth tried on shaded fatal vision goggles, which simulated realistic experiences of impairment during nighttime conditions. Youth participated in sobriety tests by walking in a straight line heel-to-toe with and without the goggles to gain an understanding of the impairment of



Staff Sergeant David You with the youth from the Glen Cove After 3 Program (Photos by SAFE, Inc.)

alcohol on their overall functioning.

You also offered the youth the opportunity to try on his bulletproof vest and answered any questions they had about the armed forces.

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