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SAFE Inc., and the New York National Guard Conduct Youth Prevention Workshops

The SAFE Glen Cove 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 fifth grade.

SGT Lombardi and SrA Giron visited with youth attending the Glen Cove After 3 Program and the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Council summer camps on July 21st. During their visit they discussed the consequences of making wrongful decisions and the lasting effects of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. The goal of this interactive youth presentation is to teach kids about making healthy decisions and lifestyle choices.

"As Civil Operators of the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, it is our mission to be a force multiplier within the prevention system. We strive to develop community awareness around drug prevention efforts, by empowering community based organization and coalitions, including the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition" said SGT Lombardi.

The goal of SAFE Inc. is early intervention, prevention and education by targeting youth early in order to influence their beliefs about themselves and their behaviors. By engaging kids early on they are able to strengthen their coping and peer resistance skills which can serve as protective factors towards later substance use.

For more information about SAFE and its other initiatives please contact the office at: 516-676-2008 or visit the website at <http://www.safeglencove.org> or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition>.