

# Glen Cove Youth Bureau Adopts Smoke-Free Entryway Policy

In keeping with their philosophy and efforts to promote health and wellness, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau has along with the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI (TAC) implemented a Tobacco Free 15-foot entryway ban at their facility in Glen Cove. The entryway is now a smoke free zone with smoking and use of any electronic or vaping devices strictly prohibited.

"The Glen Cove Youth Bureau shares many of the TAC's concerns, most notably keeping our youth from becoming the next generation of smokers. We make every concerted effort to create a culture of wellbeing by offering programs teaching and encouraging our kids to adopt healthy habits and make smart decisions. By prohibiting smoking, we are taking yet another positive step to ensure that we promote an environment of wellness for our youth and our community. We hope our decision to implement a smoke-free entryway will inspire smokers to make quitting a priority, and protect our impressionable youth from ever starting this dangerous addiction," said Glen Cove Youth Bureau Executive Director Spiro Tsirkas.

The Tobacco Action Coalition, funded by grants from the NYS Department of Health Tobacco Control Program, is one of 25 Community Partnerships working toward advancing tobacco free communities. Under this initiative, TAC is

working with businesses and community organizations to implement voluntary entryway bans and tobacco free grounds as well as educating local municipalities about the benefits of adopting tobacco use restrictions for playgrounds, parks, beaches and other outdoor recreational areas. Through this proactive partnership

with TAC, the Youth Bureau has joined the ranks of nearly 500 municipalities statewide and several hundred businesses, health care facilities, libraries and community agencies in creating policies to protect the public from the dangers of second-hand smoke, cigarette litter, and addressing the need to change the social

norms associated with the acceptability of tobacco usage, especially among our impressionable youth.

For more information on the Glen Cove Youth Bureau visit: [glencove-li.us/youth-services/](http://glencove-li.us/youth-services/).

