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The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition and Glen Cove Police Department Educates Parents About Social Hosting and its Consequences

Gearing up for this year's prom season parents recently participated in a bi-lingual Parent University Program provided by the Coalition's Parent Committee, Chaired by Ms. Laurent Caballero, professional Parent Life Skills Training Facilitator. Parent University is a program implemented by the Coalition to provide free prevention education classes to parents to keep them aware of drug and alcohol trends and their liability as parents when presented with the dilemma of social hosting. On May 2nd at the Deasy Elementary School, Mrs. Caballero and Glen Cove Police Department Detective Eddie Lineras discussed the City of Glen Cove Social Host Law, a SAFE Glen Cove Coalition initiative.

According to the 2014 Bach Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey that provides information on youth alcohol and substance use the most common place for alcohol using 6th graders to use alcohol was at home with their parent's permission. For alcohol-using 8th, 10th, and 12th graders, the most common place to use alcohol was at home or at someone else's home without any parental permission. In Addition, results also demonstrated that 11.3% of 6th grade students reported having ridden with a drinking driver while 10th graders reported a rate of 20.2%. The 12th grade students surveyed reported riding in a car with a drinking driver at a rate of 25.2%. Of the surveyed 12th graders, 11.4% reported driving after drinking.

In response to these findings parents were educated about Social Host Law as a way to combat underage drinking within the City of Glen Cove. Parents learned about their rights as caregivers as well as implications for adults who host parties where alcohol is served to minors including legal fines to possible imprisonment for those who have multiple offenses. Parents were reminded to make reasonable corrective action once they become aware of underage drinking including instructing the minor to discontinue from engaging in further consumption, contacting a legal guardian or notifying local law enforcement. Detective Lineras concluded his presentation by educating parents on how to recognize the warning signs of underage drinking and substance abuse.

Community members are encouraged to call the Social Host Hotline at 516-320-7944 if they know someone who is serving alcohol to teens.

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