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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition Pursues Youth and Family Counseling Center

The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition held their Sustainability Planning meeting on October 10th to review accomplishments to date and share future Action Steps for the Coalitions four Committees: Community, Youth, Parent and School.

In 2016, the Coalition designed a survey to poll the community regarding the need for reinstatement of alcohol and mental health services, especially for youth ages 5 to 17. This data, combined with data from Coalition sectors the Glen Cove School District, Glen Cove EMS, Glen Cove Police Department, Glen Cove EMS and SAFE outreach.

Data collected from over 1400 respondents indicated. Alcohol, Depression and Anxiety are the top 3 areas of concern followed by marijuana, tobacco and prescription drugs. Responses indicate that 62.18% want youth services, 53.22% counseling, 53.72% treatment and 49.43% want prevention services. 85.91 % responded yes for the need of a Youth and Family Counseling Center situated in Glen Cove.

The Coalition has researched model programs, spoken with authorities on programs that treat mental illness and chemical dependency and researched available rental space in the city. Georgie Connett, SAFE Board Chair and Strategic Planner stated “The Coalition’s history has been in education, prevention, intervention and referrals. The survey revealed the need for a treatment facility that is accessible to residents of the Glen Cove community”.

The future SAFE Youth and Family Counseling Center a part-time alcohol and chemical dependency program for youth and their families for 5-17 year olds would include: Assessment and Evaluation, Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Family Counseling and Education, Psychiatric Evaluation and Referrals to other helping organizations in the City to provide a holistic approach.

The mission of the Coalition is to eliminate alcohol and substance abuse in Glen Cove. The Coalition is overseen by SAFE's Board of Directors and Co-Chaired by Health Teacher Tony Gallo and SAFE Executive Director, Dr. Sharon Harris.

For more information about SAFE, Inc. and the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition visit the website at <http://www.safeglencove.org> or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition> or call 516-676-2008.

