

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta Attends Community Alliance of Smithtown Meeting



Pictured at the Alliance meeting are Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta (center) Kelly DeVito, executive director of the Smithtown Youth Bureau (left) and Elaine Economopoulos, director of Horizons (right).

(Smithtown, NY)...Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta attended the first meeting of 2014 of the Community Alliance of Smithtown. Pamela Mizzi, director of the Suffolk County Prevention Resource Center, was the keynote speaker and she discussed how addiction affects the brain.

The mission of the Alliance is to promote the health and wellness of our young people; mobilize schools and communities; and utilize resources to create and sustain an environment where destructive decisions, underage drinking, smoking, marijuana and opiate use are reduced. The Alliance is comprised of members of the business community, government officials, educators, parents and drug/alcohol prevention and treatment organizations. They meet quarterly at Horizons Counseling and Education Center at 161 East Main Street in Smithtown. The Alliance is a program of the Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau, which is housed at Horizons.

The Smithtown Youth Bureau provides evidenced-based programs and workshops for middle school and high school students, as well as crisis intervention, bullying prevention, parenting education, job skill training and many other services that promote the well-being of children, youth and families living in Smithtown. To learn more about the Bureau or to get involved with the Youth Advisory Board, please call 360-7595 or access the Town's website at [smithtownny.gov->services->youth bureau](http://smithtownny.gov/services/youth-bureau).

Horizons provides substance abuse treatment, prevention and education services. The agency offers professional, confidential counseling services to youth and adults in the community. Horizons is a not-for-profit agency which receives funding from New York State and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. For more information, please call 360-7578 or access www.smithtowninfo.com/HorizonsCounseling

“Having worked more than 10 years in the FBI’s Violent Crime Task Force, I know first-hand how drugs can destroy a person and his or her family. I found the presentation to be most informative and am very impressed by the programs offered to the community through the Smithtown Youth Bureau and Horizons,” stated Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta.