



Not My Kid Substance Abuse Workshop

Today's parents and children are faced with new challenges and demands

Not My Kid will provide an open forum to:

- ✓ discuss substance use and abuse in our community
- ✓ get informed about recent trends, legal concerns, and drug culture
- ✓ close the gap between you and your child

When: November 17, 2010

Where: Tyrrell Middle School Auditorium

Time: 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Join area experts on substance abuse trends, legal ramifications and representatives from local parent support groups

Jennifer DeWitt, Executive Director of one of 13 Partnership Regional Action Councils across CT, providing expertise in substance abuse prevention, advocacy, and education about alcohol and other drug use as well as a host of related community concerns. (CNVRAC)

Sgt. Christopher Wihbey, Member of the Wolcott Police Dept. for 13 years. Held positions as Patrolman, School Resource Officer, Intelligence Liaison Officer, Grant Coordinator, Police Instructor, Emergency Services Coordinator, and Patrol Sergeant. Currently oversees the Narcotics Enforcement Unit. Has a M.S. degree from Boston University in Criminal Justice.

Off. Leonard Greene, Member of the Wolcott Police Dept. for 11 years. Held positions as Patrolman and Task Force Officer with the Regional Narcotics Task Force. Is designated Narcotics Enforcement & Prevention Officer for the Police Dept.

Lesley Gomez, Hope and Support - Founder and Facilitator of the Woodbury Bethlehem Parent Connection. This group offers hope and support for those parents who are trying to cope with their children who are addicted to alcohol/drugs, are in recovery, or those who have experienced loss. Lesley suffered the loss of her daughter, Cristina, in August 2007 from a drug related car accident.

Lori Pelosi, Michael Anthony's Project – Lori started the project in 2009 in memory of her son, Michael Anthony, who passed away in July 2008 at age 20 due to the disease of addiction. Lori developed this organization to support others in their journey to recovery. Michaels Project provides parents with support, education, and resources to families of children suffering with the disease of drug addiction, parents who have lost their child/children to this disease, and children who are in recovery.

Mary Markuchio, Parents 4 a Change- Founder & Spokesperson, **Parents 4 A ChangeP4AC** is a support group for parents of an opiate addicted adolescent and young adults. **P4AC** is dedicated to raising awareness about teen opiate addiction, working with communities, authorities, and parents to create deterrents that WORK. Mary and her husband have personal experience with this issue with a son battling drug addiction. They offer their support and resources to any other families in need at no cost.

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Refreshments will be served

****THIS PROGRAM IS FOR PARENTS ONLY****

