



Youth & Community Alliance of Smithtown

General Membership Meeting August 29, 2017 - Smithtown Library Main Branch

*Keeping Our Youth & Families Safe...
Physically & Emotionally Healthy & Free of Substance Abuse*

Meeting highlights:

Meeting began with introductions, overview of the Alliance formation and initiatives of the three special committees (*Substance Abuse, Healthy Relationships, and Bullying/Cyber-Bullying*).

The Alliance website was shown to the members for suggestions and feedback.

Narcan Training was facilitated by Nicole Chimento, Deputy Director - *Community Action for Social Justice*

Presentation Key Points: Nicole C. discussed what opioids are; signs and symptoms of an overdose; how the intra-nasal and intra-muscular (injection) Narcan works; what to do if someone is overdosing; the *Good Samaritan Law*; and she gave participants an opportunity to practice administering Narcan. Complete Narcan kits were distributed to attendees interested in having one.

The three Special Committees then broke out into work-groups and had a brief discussion on how to proceed with their committee projects:

Bullying/ Cyber-bullying Committee- Discussion on ideas for a Youth & Community Alliance logo. Alliance member, Shala P. presented her logo ideas.

Substance Abuse: Discussed completing a NOYL event (Not On Your Life) in the future and the upcoming International Overdose Awareness Day.

Healthy Relationships: Discussed the upcoming community education workshop on effective communication the committee will be providing. Kings Park in the kNOw will be sponsoring the presentation, as well as, possibly Commack Coalition of Caring.

Announcements: The Healthy Relationship Committee's workshop will be presented on November 13, 2017 from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM at the Smithtown Library – Commack Branch (3 Indian Head Rd, Commack).

International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31, 2017. It is a day to remember the people who have lost their lives to overdose and reduce the stigma of addiction.

Upcoming Alliance Committee meeting dates:

Healthy Relationships Committee- 10/16/17, 7:30 PM-8:30 PM at Horizons/Youth Bureau Community Room (161 E. Main St. Smithtown)

Substance Abuse Committee - 10/30/17, 4:00 PM-5:00 PM, at Horizons/Youth Bureau Community Room (161 E. Main St. Smithtown)

Bullying/Cyber-Bullying Committee- 11/6/17, 4:30 PM-5:30 PM at Horizons/Youth Bureau Community Room (161 E. Main St. Smithtown)

Next General Membership meeting: November 28, 2017, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM at the Smithtown Library- Main Branch



Town of Smithtown Youth & Community Alliance

"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 and substance abuse are reduced"