

E-NEWSLETTER

*Working Together to prevent substance misuse and
promote healthy families*

Welcome to Massapequa Takes Action Coalition's e-newsletter designed to connect parents and residents to MTAC's initiatives, programs and news! Please join our coalition, visit our website or like us on Facebook to learn more about how to be a part of the solution to prevent substance misuse!



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Massapequas' Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 29, 2023
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Massapequa High School
East Driveway - District Office Parking Lot

**Turn in your unused or expired medication
for safe disposal**

- **Keep medications in original containers**
- **Block out name for anonymity**
- **Do not cross out medication information**
- **No thermometers, IV Bags, or Chemo Drugs**

NO liquids
Syringes & Sharps are accepted

Unable to attend?
Drop off unused or
expired pills at any time
to:

Nassau County Police
Department 7th Precinct
3636 Merrick Road,
Seaford, NY 11783



For more information, go to
www.mtacoalition.com



Thank You...

To The Nassau County 7th Precinct, Legislature James Kennedy, The National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Save the Great South Bay, and all the Massapequa community members who came out to help MTAC Keep the Preserve Pristine!



Let's Be BLUNT...

Partnering in Action and Change for Tomorrow (PACT)/YES CCC partnered with Town of Babylon Cares to create a cannabis awareness campaign to help keep the youth and our communities safe. MTAC was one of the key community partners that contributed to the creation of the campaign to make sure it resonates with all community members throughout Long Island, New York.




Let's Be BLUNT...

Cannabis harms young brains.

Don't let youth get high on your supply. Keep it secure.

Go to mtacoalition.com/lets-be-blunt for more information.

LEARN MORE

Poison control calls have significantly increased because youth are accidentally ingesting THC-infused foods and candies.



Let's Be BLUNT...

Driving high *IS* impaired driving.

Don't drive high. Get a ride.



Go to mtacoalition.com/lets-be-blunt
for more information.

LEARN MORE



Distance perception and
attention are impaired
when you use any
cannabis, resulting in
greater potential for
car crashes.



START THE CONVERSATION!

It's never too early to talk with our children about the risks of cannabis use. In the Massapequa's, youth reports using Marijuana as early as 6th grade (2021 Core Measures grades 6 - 12).

MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOR!

You are a role model for your child so think about what you do and the message it sends. Avoid cannabis use around your child or teen.

GIVE YOUR CHILD WAYS TO SAY NO!



Role play social situations where your child is offered cannabis by a peer and let them know it's OK to say no. Share that if they're ever in a situation they don't know how to handle - they can call you for a ride home.

[Click here for additional support](#)



ST. ROSE OF LIMA AND MASSAPEQUA TAKES
ACTION COALITION (MTAC) PRESENT:

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION & FREE NARCAN TRAINING WITH KIT



TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, 2023 AT 7 PM
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH
IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT
2 BAYVIEW AVE, MASSAPEQUA, NY 11758



FOR FAMILIES AND CONCERNED COMMUNITY
MEMBERS WHO WANT TO TAKE ACTION TO LEARN
ABOUT PREVENTING AN OPIOID OVERDOSE!

TO REGISTER:

CALL ST. ROSE OF LIMA AT 516.798.4954,
SCAN THE QR CODE, OR VISIT:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/maynarcantraining



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April is National Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol remains the number one drug of choice for America's youth, and is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) underage drinking prevention campaign, 'Talk. They Hear You,' has talking points and tools for parents and caregivers so they can start talking to their children early—as early as 9 years old—about the dangers of alcohol.

Click here for MTAC's addiction support + services



TIPS AND TRICKS FOR PARENTS + CAREGIVERS

**Show you
disapprove of
underage
drinking and
other drug
misuse.**

**Show you care
about your
child's health,
wellness, and
success.**

**Show you're a
good source of
information
about alcohol
and other drugs.**

**Show you're
paying
attention and
you'll
discourage
risky behaviors.**



POSITIVE YOUTH ALTERNATIVES

Massapequa Public Library has a lot
in store for Massapequas' teens
(grades 6-12) providing a variety of
youth programming!

Questions? Please email
mplteens@massapequalibrary.org

**VISIT
THE WEBSITE**

FOR A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING
TEEN PROGRAMS!

massapequalibrary.org

A few Upcoming
EVENTS

4/26

Teen
Blackout
Poetry

4/28

Teen
Book
Club

5/4

Teen
Comedy
Class

5/26


Friday
Night
Movie



YOUTH NEEDED!

**MTAC IS CALLING ALL YOUTH ACTIVISTS
GRADES 7-12 WHO WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE
IN THE COMMUNITY!**

OUR MISSION...



**The mission of
Massapequa Takes
Action Coalition (MTAC)
is to prevent and reduce
youth substance misuse
and to promote a healthy
Massapequa.**

DO YOU WANT TO...



**Have your voice be heard?
Raise awareness on
substance misuse issues?
Help create positive change?
Participate in team building?**

JOIN US!

**SIGN-UP WITH THE QR CODE TO
RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION!**

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/MTACYOUTHMEETINGS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTACYOUTHMEETINGS)



QUESTIONS?

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ABOUT MTAC



The mission of Massapequa Takes Action Coalition (MTAC) is to prevent and reduce substance misuse and high-risk behaviors in the Massapequas. Since 1997, we have been collaborating with Massapequa Public Schools, parents, residents, law enforcement, clergy, private and non-profit agencies, businesses, and federal, state and local governments to enhance our efforts. This e-newsletter was developed under grant number NH28CE002530-04 from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The views, opinions, and content of this publication are those of the authors and contributors, and do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions or policies of the CDC and ONDCP.

