

# Town Continues to Help Families Combat Drug Abuse with Free Drug Testing Kit Program

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine reminds residents that the Town is continuing its support of Brookhaven families who are fighting against drug abuse by co-sponsoring a free drug testing kit program. "Test Don't Guess" assists parents or guardians who are concerned that their minor children may be using illegal substances and provides an important tool to engage in the critical conversations about drug use. It also offers parents a method to be reassured of their judgment and seek professional help, taking the first step towards emotional and physical healing for a drug-using teen. The free drug testing kit program, which is co-sponsored by Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent DeMarco, is administered by the Town's Youth Bureau.

"We've had good success with the program and many parents have stopped by to pick up a free kit," said Supervisor Romaine. "So many families struggle with drug abuse by a child, but they need to know that there is help available, and this program is a good way to take action and stop drug abuse before it's too late."

The Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau's New York State Licensed Psychiatric Social Workers are available to work with runaway, homeless, or at-risk adolescents and families who may face these struggles.

To find out more about the "Test Don't Guess" program, or to pick up a drug testing kit (limit 2 per family), please call the Youth Bureau at 631-451-8011.

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