

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 judgement 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. When a parent or guardian comes in to get a drug testing kit, the Youth Bureau provides them with a Long Island Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities Resource Card. In addition, the Youth Bureau counseling services are offered to help link them with appropriate services and navigate the often difficult process of obtaining treatment for their loved one.

“No one should feel that they are alone when struggling with a child who abuses drugs,” said Supervisor Romaine. “Help is only a phone call away and I urge parents to take action now. Give the Youth Bureau a call, pick up a kit and do whatever you can to save your child’s life.”

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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