



Brainstorms:

Youth and Mental Health Mini Conference

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Western Suffolk BOCES

31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11798

This workshop is sponsored by the The Long Island Youth Safety Coalition (LIYSC) which is run by the Nassau County District Attorney office. The LIYSC is an organization comprised of local school districts, youth groups, substance abuse treatment organizations and law enforcement agencies dedicated to keeping Long Island's youth safe from destructive decision making.

District Attorney Madeline Singas and the Long Island Youth Safety Coalition invite you and your colleagues to attend a follow-up to our highly successful conference, "Brainstorms: Youth and Mental Health." We will be repeating four of the most popular workshops from that conference covering:

1. Youth and mental health Challenges: Health & Safety Connection

This workshop is designed to allow professionals the opportunity to learn about gatekeeping trainings with interactive activities and a glimpse into what each training has to offer. The program will include insight into what professionals working with youth can add to what they know about youth and suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. . Presenter: ***Debbie Caputo, M.S. Ed., Health & Safety Connection.***

2. LGBTQ: Working with LGBTQ Youth

LGBTQ adolescents face particular challenges and risk factors. Service providers, social workers and mental health professionals are introduced to the dynamics of growing up LGBTQ. Specific emphasis is placed on the transgender and non-binary communities. Presenter: ***Tawni Engel, Director of LGBT Services.***

3. Social Media: The Influence Social Media & Hip-Hop has on Mental Health

The workshop will discuss how Social Media and Hip-Hop have contributed to the problem of Mental Health, Bullying and Gang Violence and offer a host of solutions to address the psychiatric disorders that fuel the rise of depression, bullying, teen violence and suicide.

Presenters: Police Officer John Groshans, Floral Park PD, Charles Fisher and Randy Fisher, Hip-Hop Summit Youth Council.

4. Healthy Relationships: In Control

A workshop to help professionals understand the importance of healthy relationship education for youth. We will highlight the issues, the impacts, and the programs providing prevention and

intervention in our communities. Presenters: ***Kristie Schwarz, CN Guidance and Elizabeth Osowiecky, Education Coordinator, Safe Center.***

Register:

\$25 online at www.wsboces.org/webreg

(includes registration, breakfast and workshops) .

Questions - contact Susan Kessler, Student Support Services, Western Suffolk BOCES, 631-595-6814.