

The R21K Committee of the Chappaqua PTA Presents

The Consequences of Being Clueless
What you need to know to help your kids and yourself navigate
the experimental years safely

As our kids transition from adolescence to young adulthood it is almost certain they will be faced with peer pressure and potentially engage in risky behaviors. The choices they make and how they navigate through challenging situations can have a profound impact on them and on us as parents.

Our Panelists

Carolyn D'Agostino
Student Assistance Counselor
Horace Greeley High School

Amy Valentin
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Robert Marcus MD, FACEP
Director of the Emergency Department NWHC

Kevin Kennedy, Esq.
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Detective Dan Corrado
New Castle Police Department

Ellen Morehouse
Executive Director of Student Assistance Services

Topics To Be Addressed

- A day in the life of your teen
- What M.D.'s are seeing and treating in the E.R.
- Social Host Laws: Legal ramifications of underage drinking
- Tips for hosting a safe party/How the New Castle police respond to calls/Good Samaritan Law

- Adolescent brain development, judgment, and decision making

Carolyn D'Agostino

Student Assistance Counselor
Horace Greeley High School

Carolyn D'Agostino is a social worker and a credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselor. She has been working with adolescents in the field of alcohol and substance abuse prevention/intervention for the last 22 years, 18 of which have been in her current position at Greeley. Employed by Student Assistance Services, Carolyn works full time at the high school.

Amy Valentin

Social Worker
Horace Greeley High School

Amy Valentin is a certified social worker who held the Student Assistance position at Horace Greeley High School from 1987-1993. In 1993 Amy became the school social worker at Horace Greeley High School. Amy has worked as a credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselor and a private practitioner specializing in working with adolescents and their families. She has been a consultant at Daytop (a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program), and has presented at the National Association for College Admission Counselors Conference, Fordham University, and several area school districts.

Detective Dan Corrado

Town of New Castle Police Department
Detective/Youth Officer

Dan Corrado is a 20 year police veteran who currently serves as both a detective and youth officer. As youth officer, Detective Corrado supervises court sentenced community service for youths, is responsible for arresting juveniles and interviewing juvenile victims, witnesses and suspects. He also works with our school administrators to address both criminal and non-criminal youth related issues. Detective Corrado speaks frequently on juvenile topics such as stranger danger, Halloween safety, babysitting safety, Driver's Education and drug and alcohol abuse. He is also Standard Field Sobriety Testing and Breath Test Operator certified. Dan Corrado lives with his wife, Laura, and 10 year old son, Brad.

Robert Marcus MD, FACEP

Director of the Emergency Department
Northern Westchester Hospital

Robert Marcus holds a degree from Chicago Medical School (1974). He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1978. He was the Attending Emergency Department Physician at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, MD from 7/78-2/81 and held the same position at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO from 3/81-4/85. He was a clinical instructor of Medicine and Surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Marcus has served as Director of the Emergency Department at Northern Westchester Hospital since 4/85. He is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Marcus is also a Life Fellow of the American College of Emergency Medicine.

Kevin Kennedy, Esq.

Assistant District Attorney

Kevin Kennedy is the Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Bureau in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. In that capacity, he oversees the prosecution of all felony drug cases in Westchester County. He has also lectured extensively at schools and public meetings throughout the county, before both parents and students, on the topics of drug use and underage drinking. He has been a prosecutor for 28 years, and is married with five children, ages 25 through 11.

Ellen Morehouse

Executive Director of Student Assistance Services

Ellen Morehouse is a licensed clinical social worker, a certified alcoholism and substance abuse counselor, and a certified prevention professional. Her undergraduate degree is from Cornell University and her masters degree is from New York University. She is the Executive Director of Student Assistance Services, a non-profit corporation, in Tarrytown, NY, and the creator of three national model alcohol and drug abuse prevention and early intervention programs: the Westchester Student Assistance Program; the Residential Student Assistance Program and Project SUCCESS. The Westchester Student Assistance Program is currently being implemented in 35 High Schools and 21 Middle Schools in Westchester County and, along with the two other model programs, is being replicated nationally.

Local Resources**· *Horace Greeley High School:***

Carolyn D'Agostino - Student Assistance Counselor
861-9470

Amy Valentin – Social Worker 861-9461

Stephanie Lia - School Psychologist 861-9462

John Alkalay - School Psychologist 861-9463

Patrick McAuliffe – School Psychologist 861-9515

· **Robert E. Bell Middle School** 238-6170

Lyndall Boal – Social Worker

Annmarie Giannetino - School Psychologist

· **Seven Bridges Middle School** 666-7330:

Lyndall Boal – Social Worker

Sherry Schur - School Psychologist

· Your child's guidance counselor—should you or your child feel more comfortable.

· **New Castle Police Department** 238-4422

Detective Dan Corrado - Youth Service, New Castle

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How do we find a balance between protecting our children and fostering their independence?

How do we help our kids manage the stress and pressures of adolescence?

How do we ensure that our kids have a sense of balance in their lives.

How can I promote a sense of competence and resilience in my child?