SAFE Homes

SAFE Homes (Support Alcohol Free

Environments) is a network of parents seeking to prevent teenage drug and alcohol use. The network encourages communication between parents to increase the safety of our teens.

Participation is voluntary. By signing the pledge, you agree to do your best to uphold the points of the pledge to help keep our youth safe, supervised, and drug/alcohol free. Parents who agree with the pledge will be listed on the Safe Homes page of the Manhasset CASA website. When your child asks to go to a friend's home, you will be able to look for the friend's name and see if the parents have signed the pledge to do their best to keep youth safe while he or she is visiting their home. **Please know the pledge is NOT a legally binding document.** It is a set of guidelines to help prevent and reduce underage drinking and drug use in our community:

- The use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs by underage youth will not be permitted or condoned while in our home or on our property
- I agree to provide active supervision at all gatherings of underage youth in my home or on my property. In the event I am unable to supervise a gathering, I will not permit my children to host a gathering at my home
- I encourage communication from other parents who observe my child using alcohol or drugs.

If you are interested in joining SAFE homes, please email casa_org@manhassetschools.org.

Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA)

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Coalition Sectors & Partners

Manhasset CASA works with local, state and national funders and partners to reduce substance abuse:

Adventures in Learning **Cardinal Health Foundation** Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations. Inc. Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) Manhasset CASA Youth Committee Club Manhasset Chamber of Commerce Manhasset Clergy Association Manhasset Community Fund Manhasset High School Key Club Manhasset High School Student Athlete Leadership Team Manhasset Press (Anton News) Manhasset Public Library Manhasset Public Schools Manhasset School Community Association (SCA) Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Nassau County District Attorney's Office Nassau County Division of Chemical Dependency Nassau County Legislature Nassau County Police Department 3rd Precinct New York State Assembly New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYSOASAS) New York State Senate Northwell Health Public Access Television Corporation (PATV) **Raindew Family Centers Manhasset** Rotary Club of Manhasset Seafield Center of Manhasset Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island Town of North Hempstead



Prevention Through Connection

School Community Home Youth

manhassetcasa.org



❑ Yes!

I want to join Manhasset CASA to support its efforts to help our youth stay healthy and safe!

Make checks payable to Manhasset CASA, Inc. Annual Membership fee is \$20. Additional donations gladly accepted.

Enclosed is my check for \$
Name:
Address:
Email:
Phone:
Date:

Please check to see if your employer has a matching gift program. If so, complete their appropriate matching gift form and send it signed with your donation to Manhasset CASA, Inc.

Please mail your membership and/or donation to Manhasset CASA, Inc. P.O. Box 392 Manhasset, NY 11030

Manhasset CASA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation and is registered with the New York State Charities Bureau. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

❑ Yes! I have some free time occasionally and would like to volunteer for Manhasset CASA! Please contact me!



About Manhasset CASA

Since 2001, the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (CASA) has existed in the Manhasset community as a resource to reduce the illegal, underage use of alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other drugs among its youth. CASA strives to reach our youth before they are in trouble by connecting parents, school, community and youth as partners in this common goal.

As a recipient of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Drug Free Communities Grant Program,

Manhasset CASA's two main goals include

- Reducing substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults; and
- Establishing and strengthening collaboration among communities, private nonprofit agencies, and Federal, State, and local governments to support the efforts of our community coalition to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth.

Manhasset CASA is a non-profit organization which is made up of a group of representatives from twelve key sectors of our community: parents, business, media, school, youth-serving organizations, law enforcement agencies, religious organizations, civic and volunteer organizations, healthcare and substance abuse treatment professionals, youth, local governmental agencies with expertise in the field of substance abuse, and other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

Shed Your Meds 24/7

Any day or time, residents can drop off their unwanted pharmaceuticals at the Nassau County Police 3rd Precinct Police Center located at 100 Community Drive, Manhasset. Also, please remember to LOCK YOUR MEDS!



Environmental Prevention

Recognizing that individuals are influenced by a complex set of factors such as community norms, mass media messages and accessibility to alcohol and prescription drugs, CASA implements multiple environmental prevention strategies that attempt to change the community conditions by which teens abuse drugs and alcohol. Efforts include implementing social marketing campaigns with state and national substance abuse prevention organizations to reduce underage drinking, marijuana use and teen access to unprescribed drugs and pharmaceuticals in the home.

CASA works with New York State's Talk2Prevent and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Talk. They Hear You. Underage Drinking Prevention Campaigns to provide parents with resources to address underage drinking with their children.

In our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic, CASA and its partners promote safe medicine practices and disposal of prescription drugs. Our Generation Rx campaign has increased the collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals at Nassau County Police Precincts. We also collaborate with the New York Senate and Nassau County Police Department to engage residents in disposing of pharmaceuticals at local take back events. Additionally, our collaboration with the National Family Partnership's Lock Your Meds Prevention Campaign advances the importance of safeguarding all medicines, monitoring quantities and warning youth of the dangers of taking drugs without a doctor's prescription.

Over the course of the academic year, Manhasset CASA works with parents, students and the community to host ongoing educational programs addressing the physical, social and emotional wellness of our children in the prevention of youth substance use. Outreach includes Red Ribbon Week, Above the Influence Day, National Drug Facts Week, Health and Wellness Week and Kick Butts Day. All outreach is in collaboration with Manhasset Public Schools and the Manhasset School Community Association (SCA).

Manhasset CASA collaborates with the Public Access Television Corporation (PATV) and the Town of North Hempstead's North Hempstead Television (NHTV) to produce *Prevention Through Connection*. This educational programming assists families in their efforts to raise healthy children. The program airs on NHTV Channels 18 and 63 (Cablevision) and Channel 46 (Verizon FIOS) and on PATV Channels 20 (Cablevision) and 37 (Verizon FIOS).