


START THE CONVERSATION ... SAVE A LIFE


Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 7-8:30 pm

ABOUT THE PANEL



Chris Homer, Moderator

Mr. Homer has been teaching health education in the Cold Spring Harbor School District since 1995. He has taught substance abuse and addictions courses at Adelphi and Hofstra Universities for a total of 18 years. *He can be reached at chomer@csh.k12.ny.us*



Karen Curtin—Caron Treatment Center

In 2007 Ms. Curtin was introduced to Caron Treatment Center as a consumer. Through volunteering and attending events for families, a relationship was formed, and when a position was created for Alumni Coordinator in New York, she was willing to change her career for a chance to help others the way her family had once been helped. As Regional Alumni Coordinator for 5 years, Ms. Curtin started and managed support groups for alumni and parents in the tri-state area, and was the person who welcomed families at time of admission and kept them engaged throughout the process. Ms. Curtin has since transitioned from Alumni Coordinator to Business Development Officer where she is busy educating professionals, medical personnel, and the community while still being the contact person for families in need.

She is affiliated with Caron Treatment Centers. She can be reached at kcurtin@caron.org



Kathleen Flynn-Bisson, MA, MCHES

Ms. Flynn-Bisson has a Masters Degree in Community Health and has completed course work in the area of Substance Abuse. She is currently an Adjunct Professor, at Adelphi University's Health Studies Department and at Stony Brook University Graduate Program in Public Health. Ms. Flynn-Bisson is actively involved in her school district serving on many committees as well as facilitating a theater bullying prevention program, the "Stories of Substance" Club at the West Babylon Junior High School. She is also a New York State DASA Certified Train the Trainer. She is currently sharing her educational theater tools teaching a course, "*Self-Discovery Through Theatre*" for Clubhouse of Suffolk County. Kathleen is also a Public Health Educator for Suffolk County Department of Health *Learning to be Tobacco Free* Programming. Additionally, she is an RRC—Rape Crises Counselor for VIBS—Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County. She is on call to assist victims of Domestic Violence and/or sexual assault.

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Steven Pinto, LMHC, NCC, CAMS-1

Mr. Pinto serves as the Director of Operations at the Life Center in Huntington. He is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who specializes in individual, adolescent, substance abuse, and anger management counseling. Mr. Pinto has worked with the Family Service League and The Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD). He received his Mental Health Counseling degree from C.W. Post with a focus on mental health conditions and disorders. He has consulted various professional organizations on substance abuse, and continues to work extensively with local schools to provide educational programs focused on mental health.

He is affiliated with the Life Center. He can be reached at spinto@lifecenterli.com

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