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Community Calendars and Announcements May 2, 2007

ON CABLE: THE COURAGE TO SPEAK FAMILY NIGHT "Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free"

The Third Annual Courage to Speak Family Night Empowering Youth to Be Drug-Free will air on Cablevision Channel 84 on Saturday, May 5th at 7:30 pm and again on Sunday, May 6th at 7:30pm.

The emcee is Connecticut House of Representative Minority Leader; Larry Cafero, who was joined by Norwalk Superintendent Dr. Sal Corda, Norwalk Mayor Richard Moccia, and Norwalk Chief of Police Chief Harry Rilling. The program features The Courage to Speak Presentation for Parents and Students by Virginia "Ginger" Katz, a local and nationally sought out speaker on the dangers of drugs and the importance of prevention.

The emphasis of the hour-long program is on bringing students and parents together to talk openly and honestly about the dangers of drugs. The Courage To Speak family night included the community, parents, school administration, community leaders and all children participating in the forth and seventh grade Courage to Speak curriculum.

Almost half of teens say they have been offered drugs, but less than one-third of parents of teens believe their children have been exposed to drugs. Yet, teens who learn about the very real risks of drugs at home from their parents are 57% more likely to <u>refuse them</u>.

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