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Dear Parents,

In Putnam County, we have seen too many tragedies happening surrounding youth drug and alcohol use. As part of the National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies/Putnam and the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition's mission to reduce harm related to substance use, please see attached for resources available to parents.

The enclosed resources include:

- ❖ a directory of Putnam County alcohol and substance abuse services
- ❖ information on the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition
- ❖ a drug guide for parents (learning the facts to keep your teen safe)

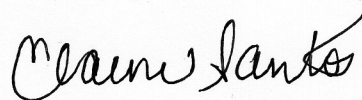
According to a Partnership for a Drug Free America, "Kids who learn a lot about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are up to 50% less likely to use than those who do not." In addition, "Parents have more influence over their child than friends, music, TV, the Internet and celebrities." For more information for parents, please visit our website at: <http://putnamncadd.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies/Putnam at 845-225-4646. We are dedicated to the protection of your children and our community!

Sincerely,



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