

NJC4EPC LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE



At left: New Jersey Coalition for Education and Positive Choices members stand with a few of the many guests who attended the Coalition's December 3rd meeting to launch the Coalition's new website. The session was held at the New York Jets Training Facility in Florham Park at the invitation of the team. From left to right: Hanover Township Committeeman Michael Mihalko, Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor, Orange County Choppers Vice President of Marketing Santos Lopez, Morris County Surrogate and Freeholder Heather Darling, Hanover Township Committeeman Brian Cahill, Hanover Township Committeeman Thomas "Ace" Gallagher and Morristown Director of Public Safety Michael Corcoran.

With the December 3rd launch of its website, the NJ Coalition 4 Education and Positive Choices scaled new heights in its ongoing mission to "Educate, Engage, and Empower" state residents on how to promote a substance-free and stigma free-lifestyle. Accepting the invitation of the New York Jets to use the team's Florham Park training facility for the on-line resource's public debut, the Coalition members gathered to announce and celebrate the "Go Live" of the new site.

"We couldn't be more excited about this launch," stated Hanover Township Committeeman Thomas "Ace" Gallagher, the founder of the organization whose original grass roots grew well beyond Morris County to spread throughout the state. "Our coalition has worked very hard for over nine months to create what we consider to be a comprehensive source of on-line statistics, cutting edge information on emerging trends in substance abuse, and links to agencies and organizations that can help families struggling with a loved one caught up in addiction."

Gallagher and Florham Park Mayor Mark Taylor congratulated all of the Coalition members for their part in creating the website. They noted the exceptional efforts of Hanover Township Police Chief Mark Roddy, East Hanover Police Chief Christopher Cannizzo, Florham Park Police Chief Joe Orlando, and Morris Township Police Lieutenant Heather Glogolich "as instrumental" in developing the content that makes the website such a powerhouse of digital information. Gallagher and Taylor also praised the contributions of Hanover Township School Superintendent Mike Wasko, East Hanover School Superintendent Natalee Bartlett, Florham Park School Superintendent Steve Caponegro, and Hanover Park Regional School Superintendent Maria Carrell.

As she gave an overview of the website, Lieutenant Glogolich credited the team effort of law enforcement and educators in working together on the project and noted the opportunity the website offers municipalities within Morris County and throughout the state to network. She highlighted that by using this new tool, towns can see what other communities are doing to fight substance abuse and to share with one another what is, and isn't, working.

During the meeting, Gallagher and Taylor both recognized the Jets on behalf of the Coalition. "I would first like to thank the New York Jets for allowing our group to do the kick off of the NJC4EPC web site at the Florham Park Jets facility," stated Taylor. "We would also like to thank all of our partners in law enforcement, all of the educators who have joined in support of the national, not just regional issues, we as a country face in the epidemic on opioid and vape addictions in this state and in our local towns. I would also like to thank Tom "Ace" Gallagher for the kick off for this very important topic. We need to reach the parents and school aged kids before they get involved not after."

The Coalition invites and encourages the public to visit the new website at www.njc4epc.com and to refer family, friends, and community organizations to this hub of information and help. As the latest achievement in the Coalition's work to educate all New Jersey residents on promoting substance-free and stigma free lifestyles through positive choices, the website complements the programs and widespread social media outreach the Coalition has undertaken to achieve its goals.

The NJ Coalition for Education and Positive Choices is a non-profit, Jefferson State Award recipient comprised of educators, law enforcement, municipal and school officials, and community-minded volunteers from Morris and neighboring NJ counties dedicated to combatting substance abuse in all its forms through education and guidance in making positive choices for healthy lifestyles. For more information about the Coalition and how to join, please e-mail coalition4epc@gmail.com.