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### **White House Drug Policy Director Awards \$88.2 Million to Local Communities to Prevent Youth Substance Use**

**The Long Island Network of Community Services, Inc. (LINCS)** is pleased to announce that we have been awarded funding by the Drug Free Communities program for the North Fork Alliance Coalition. LINCS has been spearheading the coalition for the past five years and is pleased to be able to continue its work. LINCS is a community-based not-for-profit agency whose goal is to build capacity and to enhance the programs of publicly supported health and human service organizations and coalitions across Long Island. **“Drug prevention programs like the ones at LINCS help our entire community by reducing substance abuse on Long Island,” Rep. Steve Israel said. “This grant is an acknowledgement of the good work they do and it will help them continue to have an important impact on Long Island.”**

The Drug Free Communities program is directed by the **White House Office of National Drug Control Policy**, in partnership with the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**. LINCS will receive the maximum of \$125,000 each year for five years in DFC grant funds. We are proud to report that the North Fork Alliance was the only new grantee from Long Island, and one of five new grantees for New York State. LINCS would like to thank the North Fork Alliance members for all their continued efforts in making the community safer for the youth and is looking forward to an additional five years of working together.

**“Efforts to keep our youth drug free are critical to healthy and safe communities here on the North Fork”, said Jennifer Fazio, LINCS Project Director for the North Fork Alliance Coalition. “This new funding will allow the North Fork Alliance to mobilize and organize the community to prevent and reduce youth substance use.”** The North Fork Alliance serves communities on the North Fork of Long Island with over 45,000 community members. **“I strongly support the North Fork Alliance’s mission to fight back against the scourge of youth drug abuse,” said Congressman Tim Bishop. “I am pleased that federal funding to LINCS through the Drug Free Communities Program will further the Alliance’s vital work to strengthen our community and help our young people make the right choices for their future.”**