

## "Hidden in Plain Sight"

## <u>An Awareness Program for Parents and Adults</u> What every parent and grandparent needs to know!

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 Hackettstown Medical Center Gene C. Milton Conference Room (West Wing Entrance) Doors Open at 6:30pm

Dear Community Member

Parents and caregivers have a challenge in trying to figure out what is normal behavior for adolescents compared to what could be behaviors that are the early warning signs to substance abuse all of which can leave parents feeling helpless when they do not know what they are looking for. *Hidden in Plain Sight* is an interactive teen bedroom display that at first glance appears to be the average teen bedroom. However, amidst the clutter of clothing scattered on the floor, school supplies on the desk and personal care products there are more than 100 items that can actually be signals that your young teen is involved in risky, dangerous and even illegal activity.

The Hackettstown Community, Hackettstown Medical Center, the Hackettstown Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Communities would like to personally invite you to participate in the *Hidden in Plain Sight* demonstration to be held on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hackettstown Medical Center (flyer enclosed).

This presentation is open to the entire Hackettstown community, but this personal invitation is being sent to you as a leader and stakeholder to raise awareness to the issues that affect our youth, young adults and residents. We are asking for your support by attending this very important presentation. The more educated you are on these signs and symptoms the better equipped you will be to provide help to a young teen and support to their family members.

"...drugs change brains—and this can lead to addiction and other serious problems. So preventing early use of drugs or alcohol may reduce the risk of progressing to later abuse and addiction.... —National Institute on Drug Abuse

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

To register, contact Mary Jo Harris at mharris@fgcwc.org or call 908-223-1985, Ext. 304







