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**Manhasset CASA meets with Community Representatives**  
**to discuss future collaborative efforts to reduce substance abuse**

The Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) recently met with key community members at North Hempstead's Town Hall to discuss future collaborative efforts to reduce substance abuse amongst our youth. CASA members reviewed 2010-11 initiatives that will address character education, prescription drug abuse and underage drinking.

Manhasset CASA is a private non-profit organization that is made up of a group of representatives from key sectors of the community. It exists as a local resource to reduce the illegal, underage use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among its youth before they are in trouble by connecting parents, schools and the community as partners in this common goal. For more information about Manhasset CASA, call (516) 267-7548 or go to [www.manhassetcasa.org](http://www.manhassetcasa.org).



**The Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) met at North Hempstead's Town Hall to discuss future plans to reduce substance abuse in the Manhasset Community.**

**Pictured Left to Right Front Row:** Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds, Executive Director, LICADD, Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence; Lisbeth Shibley, Executive Director and President, Manhasset CASA; Jo-Ann Leitner, Program Liaison, Nassau County Office of Chemical Dependency;  
**Standing Left to Right:** Cindy Cardinal, Legislative Assistant to Nassau County Legislator Judi Bosworth, LD 10; Dean Schlanger, Principal, Manhasset Secondary School; Teresa Reid, Community Relations Manager, Barnes&Noble; Anna Lyons, Long Island Volunteer Center; Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, Manhasset Public Schools; Maria Christina Poons, Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman; Cathy Samuels, Project Director, Manhasset CASA; Dr. Jean Kendall, Principal Munsey Park School; and Robert Geczik, Principal, Shelter Rock School