

January 20, 2014

Dear Fairfield Parents,

**Positive Directions and the Fairfield Cares Community Coalition need your input on an anonymous parent survey sharing your attitudes and perceptions about underage drinking and youth substance use.** The results of this survey will be used to help develop school and community programs that meet the needs of our students and families.

Fairfield's local prevention council, The Fairfield Cares Community Coalition, and Positive Directions, a local non-profit prevention and counseling agency, came together under a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to implement prevention programs to reduce underage drinking and other substance use in the Fairfield community. This year Fairfield students at the middle and high school level will participate in a youth survey conducted at the schools every three years, asking about their beliefs and behaviors related to alcohol and other substance use. It is critical to the success of our efforts to get your input on the same topics. The first ever parent survey was conducted in 2010 and we need your continued assistance to gather data at different points in time corresponding with the data gathered for our students.

Please take the time to complete the survey as honestly as you can. Your responses are completely anonymous and no identifying information will be collected or shared when presenting results. This survey should only take about 10-12 minutes to complete and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNQMXZZ>.

The link will be open from February 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 14<sup>th</sup> and is limited to two per household.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Fairfield Cares Co-Chair Wendy Bentivegna, 203-767-6456, [wbellbenti@yahoo.com](mailto:wbellbenti@yahoo.com) or Cristin McCarthy Vahey, 203-522-3037, [cmccarthyvahey@town.fairfield.ct.us](mailto:cmccarthyvahey@town.fairfield.ct.us).

Sincerely,

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