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**MIDDLESEX ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY PARTICIPATES IN PROGRAM
ON TEEN HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN CHELMSFORD**

CHELMSFORD – On Wednesday, November 16, Assistant District Attorney Nora Mann participated in a program on teen health and social issues, sponsored by the Chelmsford Coalition Against Drugs Committee (CCAD), the Chelmsford Public Schools, Murdoch Public Charter School, and the Chelmsford Police Department.

The program featured three presentations. Assistant District Attorney Nora Mann, Director of Training and Community Education for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, then presented "Internet Bullying." In her presentation, Mann discussed the dangers of unsupervised Internet use by teens and adolescents, guiding parents through the various websites and chat forums available to teens. Mann provided an overview of the newest technological forums that teens and adolescents today are utilizing, often under the radar of parents and teachers, to harass, bully and threaten others, and gave parents an introduction for signs to look for and recognize, as well as ways to avoid and deal with children bullying on the Internet.

Dr. Dan Rosa, a Chelmsford High School psychologist, presented "Alcohol Use, Abuse and Related Sexual Trends Among Teens." Dr. Michael Gilchrist, a Chelmsford pediatrician, presented "The Importance of Parent Involvement." The three presentations were followed by a panel discussion with all three presenters, as well as:

- Ann Russo, Health Education teacher for the Parker Middle School
- Maura Devaney, Health Education teacher for Chelmsford High School
- Jeffrey King, Chelmsford High School 'Reality Check' student
- Stephanie Harrison, Chelmsford High School 'Reality Check' student
- Officer Kenneth Duane, Bureau of Investigative Services, Chelmsford Police Department
- Sergeant Todd Ahern, Bureau of Investigative Services, Chelmsford Police Department
- Evelyn Thoren, Chelmsford School Committee

CCAD was founded by Lawrence Khirallah, a Chelmsford resident and parent. CCAD brings the Chelmsford Police Department, representatives of the Public schools administration,

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and the community to educate Chelmsford residents and decrease the abuse of drugs and alcohol in the community. CCAD meets monthly, sponsoring programs by nationally known experts, scheduling a drug awareness week, and designing distributing Live Smart wrist bands and posters throughout the community.

Nora Mann is an Assistant District Attorney and the Director of the Training and Community Education Divisions of the Middlesex DA's Office. As such, she is responsible for coordination of prevention programming and the development of training and education programs sponsored by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. A lawyer since 1987, she works with schools, law enforcement, employers, community and local government groups providing education and training resources and developing new partnerships in the areas of substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, and school and workplace safety.

Lawrence Khirallah, President of CCAD, and Officer Kenneth Duane were both recognized as finalists for the 2005 "Citizenship in Action Award," by Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., in partnership with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. This award is presented annually to an individual who lives or works in Middlesex, Massachusetts and who has made a difference by helping the youth and schools in our communities become safer and healthier. The award winner and finalists were announced at the 10th Annual School Safety Summit, sponsored by Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, held September 27, 2005.

The "Teen Health and Social Issues" program was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Chelmsford Senior Center. Approximately 300 Chelmsford community members were in attendance.

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