

EAC Network Newsletter



Our Innovative Programs

EAC Network offers a variety of innovative programs and services that aim to improve the quality of life for those who need it most. The five categories for our programs include:

- Children & Youth Services
- Family & Community Services
- Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice Services
- Senior & Nutrition Services
- Vocational Services

What is EAC Network?

EAC Network is a non-profit organization founded in 1969.

EAC's mission is "to respond to human needs with programs and services that protect children, promote healthy families and communities, help seniors, and empower individuals to take control of their lives."

EAC's staff are angels walking among us who daily, work to empower, assist, and care for vulnerable people through the 100+ innovative programs and services.



From left to right: Suffolk County Police Commissioner Rodney Harrison, President and CEO of the Long Island Association Matt Cohen, Long Island Association Vice President of Government Affairs and Communications Stacey Sikes, Vice President/COO of Suffolk Regional Off Track Betting Corporation James LaCarrubba, President and CEO of EAC Network Neela Mukherjee Lockel, Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon, Suffolk County District Attorney Ray Tierney

Back To School 2022



Do you know about Erin's Law? This law requires public schools to teach child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention classes to K-8 students. Erin's Law is named for Erin Merryn, an abuse survivor and child sexual abuse activist who has advocated for similar laws nationwide for over a decade. Erin's Law is intended to help children, teachers, and parents in NYS schools identify sexual abuse and provide awareness, assistance, referral, and resource information for children and families who are victims of child sexual abuse.



Andrea Ramos-Topper

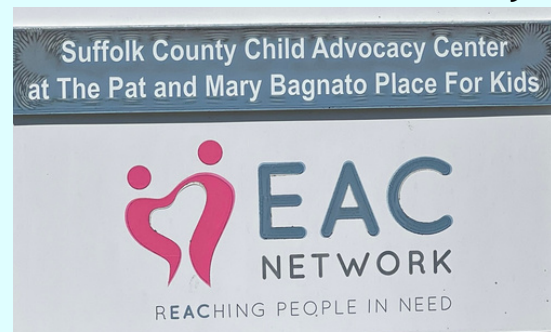
Division Director of EAC's Child Advocacy Center

Andrea Ramos-Topper also added that "The CAC is a key provider of Erin's Law training throughout the Suffolk County school districts." May the 2022-2023 school year be a safe and successful one.

Children in our communities are heading back to school. Some are happy, while others not so much, wishing that summer could have been longer.

A new school year means different teachers, new friends and the continuation of learning.

At EAC, we wish the children in our communities a successful year!



EAC's Child Advocacy Center in Suffolk County works diligently to protect children from sexual abuse. Andrea Ramos-Topper, Division Director of EAC's Child Advocacy Center in Suffolk County stated: "As a social worker I see great importance in the delivery of preventive services in all three domains (primary, secondary and tertiary). Erin's law stresses the need of educational programs that help prevent sexual abuse by using age-appropriate techniques to instruct children on how to recognize and report sexual abuse. School personnel are supported with a diversity of resources and curricula."

National Recovery Month EAC Network New Path Treatment Center

September is National Recovery Month. Happy Recovery Month.

The purpose of Recovery Month is to celebrate the progress made by individuals in recovering from substance use and mental health. There are various pathways to recovery, and we believe recovery is a lifelong journey. For many, joining EAC Network's New Path Treatment Center is the first step on that journey.

In commemoration, New Path staff will distribute school supplies and other items to the community.

We hope you can join us for this special occasion!



Sherri Flournoy
Program Director
EAC New Path Treatment Center

"In recognizing that recovery is possible and is a life-long journey, we can help to reduce the stigma of substance use and mental health disorders. Our role at New Path is to assist individuals to achieve and maintain their recovery goals. Our services follow a recovery model whereby participants are encouraged to develop their intrinsic motivation to make healthy lifestyle choices."



Event Information:

Date: September 20, 2022 | Time: 11 AM-2 PM
Location: 175 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550 (Corner of Terrace & Fulton Ave)

Contact:

Sherri M. Flournoy, LCSWR (New Path Program Director): sherri.flournoy@eac-network.org | (516) 486-3222 x118
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Website: <https://eac-network.org/new-path-treatment-center/>

EAST END CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OPEN HOUSE



“Protecting children is our primary goal,” said Neela Mukherjee Lockel, President and CEO of EAC Network.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Police Commissioner Rodney Harrison highlighted the partnership between the county and EAC in prosecuting cases of abuse.

Riverhead Supervisor Yvette Aguiar said the town would pursue a partnership between its police department and the child advocacy center.

Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski and County Commissioner of Social Services Frances Pierre urged fellow officials to continue supporting EAC's facility with funding from county and state governments.

NYS Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio stated "there is money in the budget"

On August 2nd, EAC Network hosted an open house at its Child Advocacy Center in Riverhead.

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center is to provide a comprehensive, culturally competent, and trauma-informed response to child abuse allegations.

We utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach in a child-friendly environment in ways that support and protect children, non-offending parents, and other family members.

The event was intended to raise awareness of the Riverhead location, which has been underutilized despite rising case counts in the region.



Suffolk County Officials and Law Enforcement Officers joined the event and renewed their engagement with EAC. EAC Network Board Chairperson John Durso hopes that the event will encourage increased funding for the Riverhead CAC.

"More to Do!" Podcast

"More to Do" is a monthly podcast series that started in April of 2022. The podcast is aired mid-month through our different social media platforms.

Each episode educates about the services provided by EAC Network and highlights the impact that we have on the community.

Featured are Lisa Mirabile (EAC Board Member & CEO/President of Vertigo Media Group), and Robert Stricoff (EAC Chief Development Officer).



\$20.22 Small Donation Campaign

Financial assistance is pivotal to the work that EAC does to assist, empower and care for over 50,000 people across LI and NYC.

A \$20.22 donation campaign was launched in June 2022 to invite the public to contribute and help us protect children, promote healthy communities, help seniors, and empower individuals to take control of their lives.

The aim is to increase the donor base through the use of smaller donations.

Your donation of \$20.22 will help us expand our programs, as there is always "More to Do".

To support our work, please visit the following link: <https://givebutter.com/MoreToDo>

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Throughout Greater NY

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5:30 PM TO 10:30 PM
GARDEN CITY HOTEL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
RICHMOND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MICHAEL MCMAHON
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
KRISTIN THORNE, FROM WABC-TV NEW YORK

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