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Press Release

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SBPA Presents Important Drug & Alcohol Prevention Workshop

With its final workshop for the 2017-18 school year, the South Brunswick Parent Academy is presenting an important workshop on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by our children: **Hidden in Plain Sight**, on **Monday, April 16th** at Crossroads North Middle School. Presented by Douglas Collier, retired Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent and Monmouth University Professor of Criminal Justice, this hands-on, interactive workshop will provide parents with key information on the latest substance abuse trends, signs and symptoms.

No one ever wants to think of their son or daughter using and abusing alcohol and drugs. However, there are signs and symptoms to be aware of that may explain a child's behavior, and with early intervention, which can begin with a simple conversation, it might just save a life. With a multi-media presentation, along with practical exhibits and exercises, Mr. Collier will provide attendees with information on how alcohol, drugs and paraphernalia can be easily hidden in plain sight in a teenager's bedroom, bathroom and other locations within a home or car, often right under the noses of unsuspecting parents or adults. **PLEASE NOTE: Due to the sensitive nature of the workshop, no one under the age of 21 will be permitted to attend.**

As with most SBPA workshops, the **Hidden in Plain Sight** workshop will be held at Crossroads North Middle School, 635 Georges Road and will run from 7:00-8:30 pm, with childcare provided for children 3 and above. Interested parties can register online by visiting the District's Web site, www.sbschools.org and clicking the Parent Academy Quick Link or by entering <http://tinyurl.com/jhpppsc>. (Please note: while prior registration allows us to plan appropriately; walk-ins are always welcome!) The exact rooms for both the workshop and childcare at Crossroads North will depend on registration for the workshop. Upon arrival, please look for signage directing you to the appropriate rooms. For additional information, contact SBPA Director, Christine Mariano at christine.mariano@sbschools.org or sbpa@sbparents.org

The **Hidden in Plain Sight** workshop is sponsored by the South Brunswick Municipal Alliance, as part of the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA). The South Brunswick Municipal Alliance and the South Brunswick School District have partnered to offer a series of workshops under the umbrella of the South Brunswick Parent Academy (SBPA). The Academy was founded on the concept of "Solving the Puzzle of Parenting ... One Piece at a Time." In its twelfth year, SBPA continues to offer parenting workshops, as well as District workshops on curriculum, instruction and safe and caring schools, and provides a wealth of information on timely and relevant issues facing families today.