



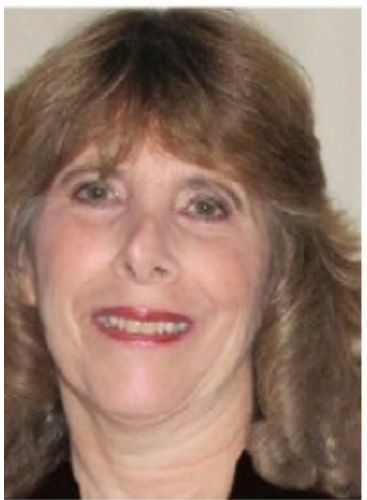
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*Wendy Tepfer*

Wendy Tepfer has been Executive Director of the Community Parent Center since 2002. During her tenure, she has developed educational programs for students, staff, parents and community members in the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, the Bellmore and Merrick elementary districts, and other public and parochial schools in Nassau County.

Some of Ms. Tepfer's programs have addressed teen driving, substance abuse, bullying/cyber-bullying, Internet safety, adolescent suicide awareness prevention, school violence prevention, youth health, nutrition and fitness. Ms. Tepfer developed the Driving in the Safe

Lane program, which was designed to help reduce teen crashes and save lives through parent/teen awareness and education. Her dedication to the youth of our community is unmatched and should be revered and honored in every way.

Ms. Tepfer has more than 28 years of experience, both working and volunteering as an executive member of various non-profit organizations, coalitions and community groups. She is a member of the Long Island Youth Safety Coalition, the Nassau County Heroin Prevention Task Force, the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board and the New York State Partnership for Teen Driver Safety.

Ms. Tepfer works with various partner groups, including the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, New York State legislators, Nassau County DA's Office, police department and youth board, PTA and civic organizations. She travels to schools throughout the county, sharing her resources and knowledge to better assist the young minds of our country.

Recognized for her many years of community involvement, Ms. Tepfer has received BMUST's "Friend of Education Award" and was honored with NYSUT's "Special Friend of Education Award" in 2008. She received the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Chairman's Award in 2011 and the Bellmore Herald's Person of the Year Award in 2013.

Ms. Tepfer and her husband, Karl, moved to the Bellmore-Merrick community in 1979. When her sons, Brian and Scott, were old enough to attend school, she began volunteering, becoming an active PTA member. Ms. Tepfer's devotion is a direct reflection of her dedication and commitment to children, family, friends, schools and communities throughout Nassau County.