



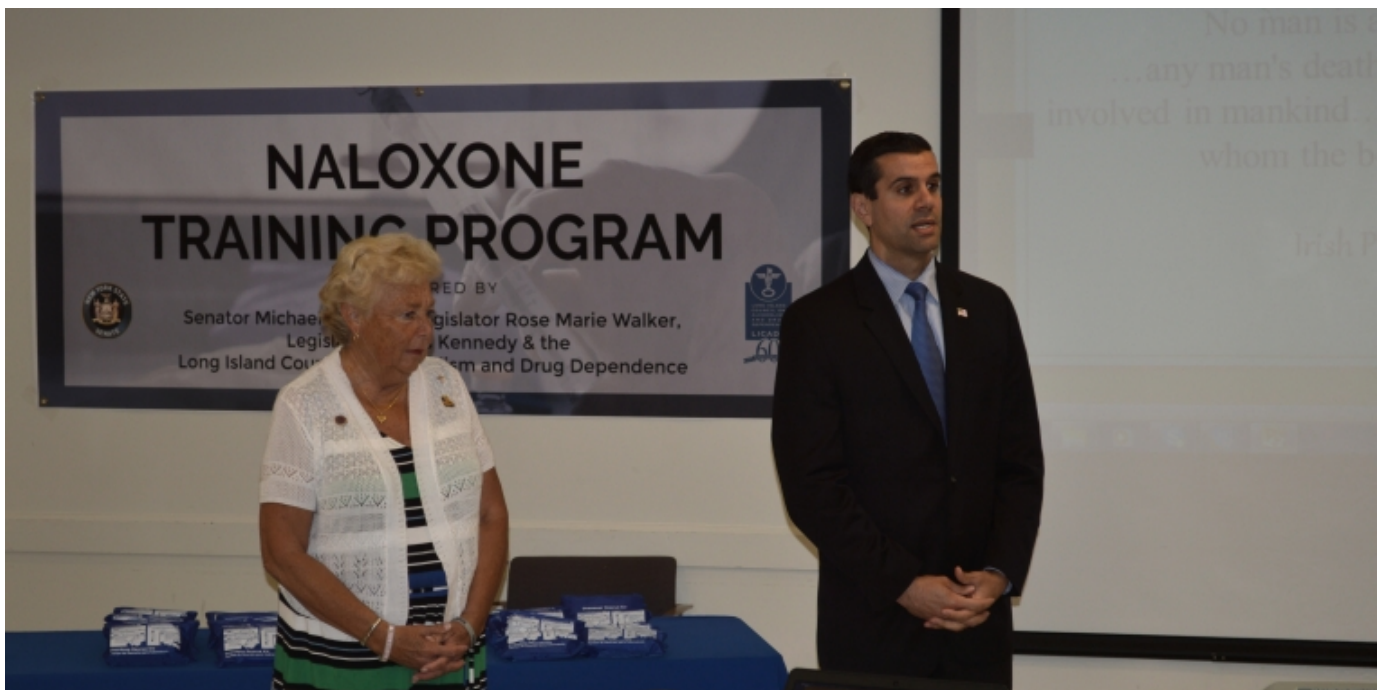
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael Venditto

Senator Venditto, Legislators Walker, Kennedy & the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) hold Naloxone Training Program in Farmingdale

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Senator Michael Venditto (R, C, I-8th Senate District), in partnership with Legislator Rose Marie Walker, Legislator James Kennedy & the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD), held a free Naloxone (Narcan) Training Program where residents learned how to recognize the signs and symptoms of an Opioid overdose and administer the lifesaving antidote Narcan. The program was held at the Farmingdale Public Library.

“Heroin and prescription drug abuse are affecting individuals, families and communities across Long Island and New York State. For us to put an end to this growing epidemic we must tackle it head on by providing various treatment and recovery options, insurance coverage for addiction services and treatment, and offer free educational programs like Narcan training and substance abuse awareness. With these tools, we get one step closer to saving lives and healing our communities,” said Senator Venditto.

Last month the State Senate passed 22 pieces of legislation designed to proactively break the cycle of Heroin and Opioid abuse by improving prevention efforts, increasing access to treatment, expanding recovery options, providing greater resources to law enforcement to aid in combating this crisis. This multi-prong plan would help municipalities combat substance abuse at the most local level...cleaning up our communities one neighborhood at a time.

“As a member of the State Senate Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, I am working alongside my Senate colleagues, local elected officials and substance abuse agencies on solutions to increase access to prevention, treatment and recovery services. We need to provide hope and solutions for individuals and families struggling with addiction,” said Senator Venditto.