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## **The Prevention Council of Putnam and Student Assistance Services Corp Announce Corporate Affiliation**

Carmel, New York — Student Assistance Services Corporation (SAS) headquartered in Tarrytown and The Prevention Council of Putnam headquartered in Carmel announce the establishment of a long-term parent-subsidiary corporate affiliation effective July 1, 2018. The affiliation will enhance the substance abuse and bullying prevention work of both agencies which have a long history of collaborating on successful prevention activities for Putnam and Westchester residents.

"We believe that our new formal relationship will increase our effectiveness, maximize resources, and benefit Westchester and Putnam residents" stated Kristin McConnell, Executive Director of the Prevention Council. Ellen Morehouse, Executive Director of SAS added, "The opioid epidemic, vaping, and increased marijuana use are just three of the prevention challenges we will be better able to address with our shared expertise. "

It is anticipated that there will be a six-month transition of staff and administrative functions with SAS being the parent organization. Both agencies will maintain their existing offices. The New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON), through funding from the Dyson Foundation, provided the technical assistance for the affiliation. NYCON will continue to provide consultation during the transition period.

SAS has been providing substance abuse and bullying prevention and early intervention services, programming, and training in schools, residential facilities, and communities in Westchester County and neighboring areas since 1985. SAS has touched the lives of thousands, working with students, parents, teachers, human service professionals, community leaders, health care providers, business people and clergy.

The Prevention Council has been providing substance abuse prevention, gambling prevention and recovery support services in Putnam County since 1985. The mission of the Prevention Council of Putnam is to promote education and awareness related to substance use disorders and problem gambling to the residents of Putnam County and the surrounding area, by providing the community with up to date information and services related to prevention, treatment and recovery.

To learn more about the Prevention Council and SAS visit us at [preventioncouncilputnam.org](http://preventioncouncilputnam.org), [sascorp.org](http://sascorp.org), or visit us on Facebook: [@preventioncouncilofputnam](https://www.facebook.com/preventioncouncilofputnam), Twitter: [@preventionptnm](https://twitter.com/preventionptnm) or Instagram: [@preventioncouncilputnam](https://www.instagram.com/preventioncouncilputnam)

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