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## Rally Against Drug Addiction at Town Hall: The Kids Need a Space

### **Date:**

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Long Island Action

Parents and friends, watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzZznJUgrDM> <sup>[1]</sup>

We are holding a rally at Town Hall this coming Thursday to speak out against the lack of space for young people in East Hampton in the face of a rising drug epidemic. We will meet inside the lobby area just outside where the meeting will be at 6:30, and will carry signs and walk in all together at that point.

We feel that the local RECenter which was built for the purpose of providing young people with a place to go after school, but has been under the stewardship of the YMCA since 2001, and as such is being run as a for-profit, taxpayer-subsidized gym, must be returned to its original purpose.

The town's contract with the Y ends on December 31, 2018, and is sure to be renegotiated in the near future. We feel it is in the town's best interest to take back control of the facility. We ask how many more kids are going to overdose before the town is willing to take meaningful action?

We would like to see the RECenter restored with some updates including having an in-house mental health professional/youth advocate/mentor, a creative/art space, a lounge area, a small stage for open mic nights, televisions, computers, tabletop and board games, and of course, a snack bar. Classes could then be offered out of the building. Of course, this would all be free for local youths.

If that sounds better than what the YMCA is doing, join us!!?

### **Event link:**

<https://longislandactionevents.org/events/rally-against-drug-addiction-at-town-h...> <sup>[2]</sup>

### **Address:**

East Hampton Town Hall, 300 Pantigo Pl, east Hampton, NY, 11937, United States

### **Location:**

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