

## WHAT IS C.A.S.S.?

The County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (C.A.S.S.) is an advisory arm of the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) and is coordinated through the County Department of Human Services. The C.A.S.S. is concerned with alcoholism and drug abuse prevention initiatives throughout Somerset County.

## THE C.A.S.S.

Is composed of up to 12 members who are appointed by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Membership includes private citizens and representatives of local agencies, organizations, schools, law enforcement and government.

## C.A.S.S. MEETS

On the second Wednesday of each month except November, at 9:30 am, at the Somerset County Department of Human Services, 27 Warren Street, Somerville. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

## PURPOSE OF THE C.A.S.S

To coordinate the County's efforts to combat alcoholism and drug abuse through prevention, intervention and education.

## FUNCTION OF THE C.A.S.S.

- ☞ To develop and submit a County Alliance Plan for the expenditure of funds derived from the "Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction" funds;
- ❓ To coordinate projects among and within municipalities to assure cost effectiveness and avoid fragmentation and duplication;
- ❓ To develop and recommend programs and fiscal guidelines for the awarding of funds to municipalities for drug and alcohol Alliance activities.

## HISTORY OF THE ALLIANCE

Chapter 51 of the Laws of 1989 created the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and an Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, establishing formalized cooperation and active participation of all communities in the state to achieve the goal of reducing alcoholism and drug abuse through community awareness and education.

In 1989, the Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a resolution appointing a County Alliance Steering Subcommittee. Since then, all 21 of Somerset County's municipalities have established Municipal Alliance Committees to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to address prevention needs in their communities.

## MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEES

The governing body of each municipality may appoint a Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC) who shall identify and implement alcoholism and drug prevention and education needs in their community. Membership includes representatives of schools, courts, law enforcement, religious and social service organizations, parents, businesses, recovering persons and concerned citizens.

## PURPOSE OF THE MAC

To coordinate the municipality's efforts to combat alcoholism and drug abuse through prevention, intervention and education.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE MAC

- ☞ To empower residents concerned about substance abuse to provide prevention programs in their community;
- ☞ To conduct an assessment of the community's alcoholism and drug abuse prevention resources and needs;
- ☞ To develop and submit a Municipal Alliance Plan for the expenditure of funds, derived from fines of drug offenders, for the implementation of alcoholism and drug abuse prevention activities for community members of all ages;
- ❓ To coordinate prevention projects within the municipality to avoid fragmentation and duplication.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- ☞ Your Mayor or Governing Body
- ☞ Somerset County Department of Human Services – Jennifer Sorensen, Municipal Alliance Coordinator or Ivana Pareja, Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Coordinator (908) 704-6300
- ☞ Web: [www.co.somerset.nj.us/hservices](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/hservices)
- ☞ The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (609) 777-0526

## SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES

Bernards	908-204-2523
Bridgewater/Raritan	908-725-6300 x5210
Franklin	732-873-1991
Hillsborough/Millstone	908-369-4313
Manville	908-725-9478 x121
Montgomery/Rocky Hill	908-533-9331
North Plainfield	908-769-2900
Somerville	908-725-2300
S. Bound Brook/Bound Brook	732-356-0833

## SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL 908-766-3000

Bernardsville  
Bedminster  
Far Hills  
Peapack-Gladstone

## WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL 908-753-8000

Warren  
Watchung  
Green Brook  
Long Hill

**Department of Human Services Mission:** To coordinate and facilitate the provision of services and programs, which work to address economic self-sufficiency and promote social wellbeing of county residents

## 2017 C.A.S.S. MEMBERSHIP



Barbara Schlichting, Chairperson  
Somerset Treatment Services

Cindy Britt - SC Office of Youth Services

Stephanie Carey - Montgomery Township  
Health Department

Michael Frost, SC Human Services

Heather Hahn - SC Intoxicated Driver Resource  
Center

Brian Levine - SC Freeholder

Deborah McGowan - SC Office of the Prosecutor

Christine Rose - Citizen

Nicci Spinazzola - Richard Hall Community  
Mental Health Center

Roger Jinks - NJ Dept. of Education

## SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS



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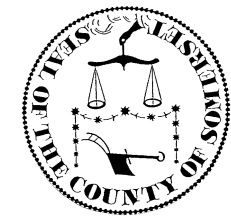
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## **SOMERSET COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE (CASS)**



## **MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE**



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