



# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Sheriff's Office and Community Partners Launch New Awareness Program for Parents and Caregivers**

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office has launched a new community awareness program in collaboration with many community partners and we want you to be a part of it! This program is designed to educate parents on the signs of risky behavior. This hands on learning experience allows parents to experience current trends in behavior and recognize the signs for things such as tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, sexual behaviors, eating disorders, mental disorders, violence and other possible risky behaviors.

The program, called **H**idden **i**n **P**lain **S**ight, or H.I.P.S is a three dimensional mockup of a teenager's bedroom that parents and primary care givers can see and touch. The experience is to learn the illusions and educate yourself about what you are seeing and what you should look for.

H.I.P.S has become hugely popular in Virginia and other states and is recognized for its effectiveness in educating parents and primary care givers to recognize the signs and help prevent risky behaviors. The program is taught by members of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office and collaborative partners, and it's free! H.I.P.S is available to ADULT audiences ONLY. The program can be presented to any civic organization, parent group, church group or others where this would benefit parents.

To learn more about H.I.P.S use this email [HIPS@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:HIPS@fauquiercounty.gov) or you can call 540-422-8664 during business hours to speak with someone for more information or scheduling an event presentation. A full hosting package can be obtained at the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office. Remember - there is no fee for this program!



H.I.P.S Program

**FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE H.I.P.S PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS:**



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