



**ROBERT P. ASTORINO**  
Westchester County Executive

Sherlita Amler, MD  
Commissioner, Department of Health

Grant Mitchell, MD  
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health  
and  
New York Medical College

Welcome you to the

**Community**  
**Violence Prevention Forum**  
A Public Health Approach

**April 9, 2013**  
**Westchester County Center**

**9-10 am**

Welcome: Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD and Commissioner Grant Mitchell, MD

Introduction: County Executive Robert P. Astorino

Keynote Address: Howard Spivak, MD, Director, Division of Violence Prevention at the CDC

**10-11 am**

Panel Discussion: Sharing Best Practices and Identifying Gaps  
Moderated by Robert Amler, MD, Dean, School of Health Sciences & Practice,  
New York Medical College

**Panelists:**

Robert P. Astorino, County Executive  
Hon. Kathie Davidson, Supervising Judge, Family Court Ninth Judicial District  
Joel Haber, PhD, Bullying Expert  
Virginia Perez, Westchester County Legislator  
Bernard Pierorazio, Yonkers Schools Superintendent  
Rev. Dr. Franklyn Richardson, Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church  
Alan Trager, CEO, Westchester Jewish Community Services

**11-11:30 am • Lunch Break**

**11:30 am-1 pm • Breakout Sessions (Rooms A-H)**

**Improving Community Partnerships**

Moderated by Frank Williams,  
Executive Director White Plains Youth Bureau

**Treating Violence as a Public Health Issue**

Moderated by Dr. Robert Amler,  
New York Medical College

**Building Safer Learning Environments in Schools**

Moderated by John McCabe,  
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Lower Hudson RSEW-TASC

**Strengthening Family Safety Nets**

Moderated by John R. Befus,  
Deputy Commissioner Westchester County Department of Social Services

**1-1:30 pm**

Conclusions: Breakout Session Highlights and Action Plans

**Closing Remarks:**

Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD and Commissioner Grant Mitchell, MD

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