Thank you for participating in the 9th Annual RCASA Meeting & Film Screening on Sept. 30th, 2015

Thank you to all those that made IF ONLY possible...
Read an article about the event from the Reading Advocate

Wahlberg's 'If Only' film rounds out Recovery Month

Thank you to Heather Copelas & her amazing staff.

Thank you to our talented panelists.

Dr. Mark Albanese & Woody Geissmann

Fran Puopolo, R. N.

Maryann Frangules & Michelle Lipinski

Melissa Weiksnar

"Amy left the world the incredible gift of her journals that she kept since middle school. She wrote powerfully about whether to begin using substances, her initiation, thanks to a special friend of RCASA. Melissa has educated so many people in Reading and throughout Massachusetts through her daughter's experiences and the challenges and angst of

"Melissa Weiksnar's detailed and bravely honest account of the years leading up to her daughter’s tragic death brings true insight into
"and the progression of her substance use disorder in the context of school, family, friends, boys, body image, and self-esteem.

impact of her addiction on their family.

parenting a child suffering from addiction."

Thank you for coming!
**Kudos**

*Behind the scenes support*

Thank you to our Reading Police colleagues for their support in pulling our annual meeting together. We couldn’t have done it without you.

- Chief Cormier,
- Deputy Chief Segalla,
- Lt. Abate
- Det. Halloran
- Det. Iapicca
- Det. Fitzgerald
- SRO Muolo

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**Join us for our next event...**

**RCASA Special Guest**

**Dr. Kevin Hill**

*Marijuana: The Unbiased Truth About America’s Most Popular Weed*

10.29.15
Reading Memorial High School
Performing Arts Center
7-9 pm

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**Annual Coalition Report Highlights**

- 1,000,000 pills turned in by residents since 2009.
- 155 young adults served since 2012 in Police & School Chemical Health Education Program, including Reading residents (68%) & nearby towns (32%).
- 277 adults certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid.
8 RCASA 'Youth in Action' Clubs starting this fall, serving grades 4-12.

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Tom Zaya (Assistant Principal, Reading Memorial High School) & John Doherty (Superintendent, Reading Public Schools)

Joanne Senders (Reading Advocate) & Brian Snell (Reading Rotary & Law Office of Brian Snell)

Thank you to Julianne DeAngelis, Youth Volunteers, Partners & Funders
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