

For those who need **HELP**,
there's **HOPE**.



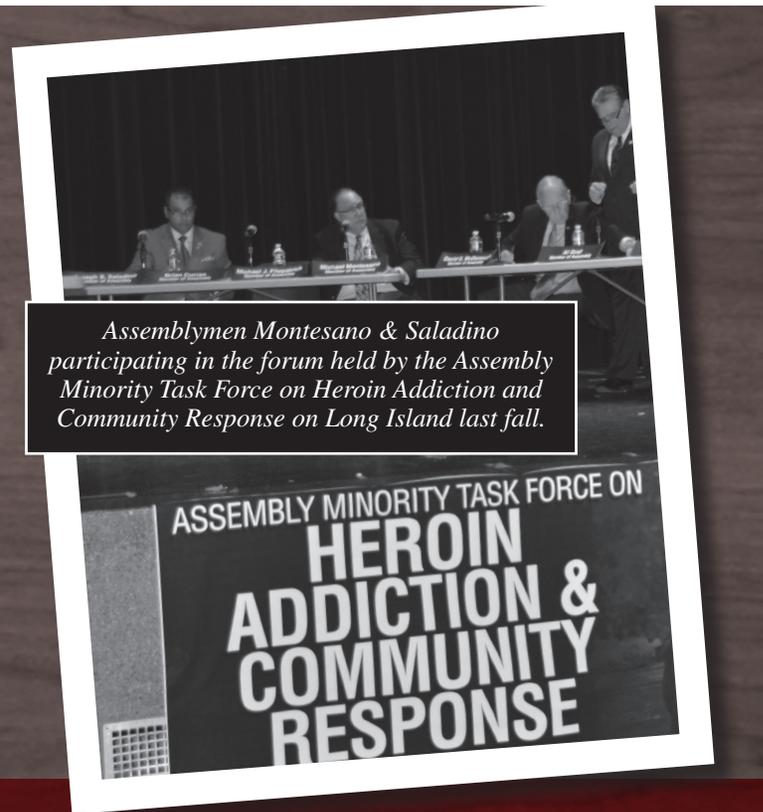
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Unfortunately, too many Long Island families have already felt the heartbreak of heroin and opioid addiction... However, help and hope are on the way.

This year, Assemblymen Michael Montesano and Joseph Saladino worked alongside their colleagues and local stakeholders to develop a plan to address heroin and substance abuse in their communities.

At the end of the 2016 Legislative Session, Montesano and Saladino helped pass a package of comprehensive bills to tackle the dangerous epidemic plaguing Long Island and all of New York State. The bills have been signed into law by the governor and will:

- Eliminate insurance barriers to addiction treatment
- Increase the number of treatment beds and accessibility to substance abuse programs statewide
- Support prevention and education efforts beginning at young age
- Continue education for doctors, pharmacists, and the public
- Reduce prescription limits for initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain from 30 days to seven days, with exceptions for chronic pain and other conditions



Assemblymen Montesano & Saladino participating in the forum held by the Assembly Minority Task Force on Heroin Addiction and Community Response on Long Island last fall.

Call: **1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369)**
Text: **HOPENY (467369)**
Online: **www.oasas.ny.gov/accesshelp**

The Kitchen Table Tool Kit is another tool you can use to discuss drugs, addiction and recovery with your loved ones. Learn more:

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