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**The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield Presents: *Opioid Education - “What to Expect” for Middle School Parents: Understanding Your Child’s Brain Development and Tools for Preventing Substance Use.***

**Westfield, New Jersey – October, 3, 2018 –** On Monday, October, 22, 7:30pm, The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will host an Opioid Education Presentation by Melissa Tasse, PH.D. The intent of this free public presentation is to inform parents and the community about the opioid epidemic and what we can do to prevent the next generation of young people from suffering from substance use disorder.

Expert Melissa Tasse holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and is the CEO and Founder of The Honey Bee Foundation, dedicated to disseminating information to parents and adults regarding the neurobiology of addiction/substance use disorder. Dr. Tasse will highlight understanding brain development in children and provide tools for preventing substance use

“We are looking forward to this special presentation on a topic that is a concern for our community” says JLEP President Suzanne Gallagher. “It is important that our community be educated on this topic and understand that support is available. We hope that residents in our area will come together and attend this free presentation.”

The presentation will take place at 7:30pm at the Edison Intermediate School Auditorium, 800 Rahway Ave., Westfield, NJ.

This is a free event. RSVP is encouraged at  <https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=50487225651>

ABOUT The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLEP is a chapter of the Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The organization is celebrating 95 Years as a Junior League Chapter serving the community! Lean more: <http://www.jlepnj.org/>