

# NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE VAPING FORUM

*Monday, October 21  
Nock / Molin Auditorium  
7:00 PM*



## School Committee Forum

- Forum Will Address Vaping Risks Among Youth
- Intended for Newburyport Parents / Guardians
- Middle School & High School Students Are Encouraged To Attend
- On behalf of our School Community we would like to thank and recognize Mayor Holaday & City Council, Department of Health, Newburyport Youth Services, Newburyport Police & Fire Departments, other local officials and our School Committee for their tireless efforts and support of our students and families.

## For additional information:

- NPS Website

<https://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/District--Parent-Info/Parents/VapingSubstance-Abuse-What-You-Should-Know-/index.html>

- Mass Clearing House Website:

<https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/PROG-TOB/TC3480.html>



**Cynthia Grondin, PhD**  
*Dynamic Research Scientist  
& Vaping Expert*

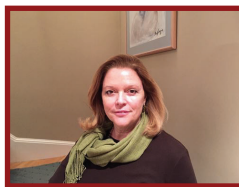
Dr. Cynthia Grondin is a former member of the Boxford Elementary School Committee and TriTown Union School Committee, and is also the mother of three children, (two of whom are currently in college and one recently graduated). She earned her B.A. in Biochemistry at Mt. Holyoke College, her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Microbiology at Tufts University, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. She has worked remotely on the Comparative Toxicogenomics Database for the past 13 years. The database currently resides at North Carolina State University.



**Gary Gastman, PhD**  
*Executive Director of Addiction & Counseling  
Services for Families and Students*  
**Christine Turner, MSHS LADC-1 CADC-1 MAC**  
*Director of Ambulatory Services*

Dr. Gary Gastman has been the Executive Director of Link House, Inc. since September 2015. Prior to his arrival, Dr. Gastman had been the Vice President of the Addiction Treatment Services Division for Lahey Health Behavioral Services (LHBS) from 2011 – 2016, where he oversaw bed-based addiction treatment programs and outpatient methadone clinics. Previously, Dr. Gastman had been a member of the senior management team for Bridgewell, Inc. for 9 years, where he was the Clinic Director for community outpatient mental health clinics and adult day treatment services.

Dr. Gastman is a licensed psychologist with 20+ years of management and administrative experience in a variety of behavioral health settings which include outpatient community mental health, inpatient and residential substance use treatment, inpatient psychiatric units, and outpatient medication-assisted treatment programs.



**Cathy Riccio, BSN MS MSN**  
*Supervisor of Health Services for  
Newburyport Public Schools*

Cathy Riccio is the current Supervisor of Health Services for Newburyport Public Schools and has developed unique population based public health initiatives for the Community of Newburyport for the past 6 years. She has been a member of the Evaluation Team for the Department of Public Health for School Health based grants and she is a member of DESE's statewide Safe and Supportive Schools Commission. Riccio is a registered nurse with a bachelors in Nursing Science from Marquette University and a masters in Environmental Science from the Harvard H.T. Chan School of Public Health.

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