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## NewBridge offers free program to schools

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NORTH JERSEY — NewBridge Services, Inc., a nonprofit provider of behavioral health and education services, is once again offering its free Fatal Vision goggles program to schools and organizations. Thousands of students have worn these goggles that simulate the sensation of being intoxicated, and experienced the visual impairment that comes with drinking alcohol.

Many teens don't understand how alcohol affects the brain and impairs ones ability to drive, walk or even write. This program is a powerful tool for teens to learn the disabling effects of alcohol consumption, said Mary Vineis, prevention services coordinator, NewBridge.

NewBridge also offers Fatal Vision kits free for loan to teachers, police officers, student assistance coordinators, school resource officers, nurses or other leaders of children's groups who wish to educate young people about the effects of drinking alcohol. The kits include goggles, class materials, videos and teaching guides.

Funding for this effort is provided through a federal grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to the state Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. For more information on the Fatal Vision goggles program or to receive a copy of NewBridges prevention program brochure for schools and youth organizations, call Mary Vineis at 973-839-2521, ext. 2228.

### **About NewBridge Services**

NewBridge Services, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization that has provided the highest quality mental health, substance abuse, housing, children's and senior services and education programs since 1963. Whether dealing with stress, grief, or substance abuse or in need of parenting, relationship or caregiving advice, NewBridge offers counseling programs, educational forums and life-enriching services to help children, adolescents, families, couples, adults and senior citizens bring balance to their lives. For more information call 973-839-2520 or visit [www.newbridge.org](http://www.newbridge.org).