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**Family Service League's President & CEO, Karen Boorshtein, hosted a press conference with State Senator Phil Boyle, State Assemblyman Michael Durso, and Dr. Paolo Coppola, the Founder of Victory Recover Partners at the Fay J. Lindner Health & Wellness Center in support of Bill S6049, designating August 31st as "Overdose Awareness Day."**

"Overdose Awareness Day is pivotal to ending the stigma that is ingrained in our society, stated **Senator Phil Boyle**. "The stigma acts like a brick wall in the progress of our loved ones, preventing them from receiving the necessary help they so desperately need."

"The opioid crisis has plagued New York State and Long Island for many years. Add to that, the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has exacerbated this crisis due to an increase in risk factors such as unemployment, social isolation, and lack of available treatment services, **said Assemblymen Durso**. "Recognizing Overdose Awareness Day annually on August 31st will bring much needed awareness to the opioid epidemic that has destroyed so many lives thereby reducing the stigma surrounding drug overdoses while honoring those who lost their lives to addiction and paying tribute to their families."

"Family Service League is committed to providing quality addiction prevention, treatment, and resources for those facing the challenges associated with mental health issues and addiction," **stated Karen Boorshtein, Family Service League President & CEO**. "Even though the vaccines have helped people begin returning to a more normal routine, many are feeling disconnected and are filling the void with drugs and alcohol, or suffering from depression, or trying to cope with debilitating anxiety. FSL and its dedicated staff has expanded existing programs and created new innovative models of care to address the human service issues facing both children and adults."

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Photo L>R: New York State Senator Phil Boyle – 4th Senate District, New York State Assemblyman Michael Durso – 9th District, Karen Boorshtein, FSL President & CEO, Dr. Paolo Coppola, Founder of Victory Recovery Partners

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For 95 years, FSL has provided all aspects of human services, including mental health counseling, addiction prevention & treatment, crisis care, early education, and family & senior services.

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