

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Event: Child Abuse Prevention Seminar, Tuesday July 27th 9:30-3:00, Prevent Child Abuse – NJ North Jersey office, 35 Halsey Street, Suite 300, Newark, NJ

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Essex County Rallies Partners and Resources to Prevent Child Abuse

Every April, communities throughout the United States acknowledge child abuse prevention month. In April 2003, Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo pledged that Essex County would become the leader in New Jersey by organizing partners and resources to bring bona-fide prevention programs home. Two years later, by partnering with public and private agencies, Essex is well on the way. One of the first initiatives was establishing an Essex County Council of Prevent Child Abuse – NJ, the New Jersey affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse America. In partnership with the Essex County Division of Citizen Services, the Council has attracted over \$500,000 in Foundation grants to bring programs and services to Essex County, all of which meet the rigorous principles of the Standards for Prevention Through Family Support, a document authored by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, published by Family Support America, and distributed nationally. On Tuesday July 27, Essex County organizations that have been awarded prevention mini-grants from Essex County be meet for a day long seminar on the Standards for Prevention.

“When the principles of the Prevention Standards are infused into a neighborhood program, good intentions blend with good science,” said Dr. Janet Rosenzweig, the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse – NJ. “The results can be exceptional. We are so pleased to bring these standards to Essex County, which is setting the standards in our State right now.” The following Essex County agencies will be receiving mini-grants for services, and will be attending the seminar:

The Leaguers, Inc.
Abbott Leadership Institute
Irvington Family Development Center
Churches in Cooperation

Family Service Bureau of Newark
Above the Rim, Inc., of Newark
Association for the Advancement of Inner City Communities
Protestant Community Centers, Inc.

Integrity Inc.
South Ward Community Collaborative
Association for the Advancement of Inner City Communities

“There are so many things happening for children and families in Essex County now,” said Maura Somers Dughi, Esq., Chair Of the Prevention Subcommittee of the NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. “The state is helping to establish Collaboratives and a Planning Council, and the community is responding with initiatives such as this one. It is particularly gratifying to see that Essex County government is acknowledging that prevention is a science that when professionally implemented, can truly benefit children, families, and communities.”

The seminar on the Standards for Prevention Programs will be held at 35 Halsey Street, Newark from 9:30 – 3.

For more information on this event, please contact Janet F. Rosenzweig, at (732) 246-8060 ext. 11.

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