Registration —Through the Eyes of A Child October 23, 2008 4:00—7:30

Seating is limited and Pre-Registration by October 16th is required

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No. people attending: _____ x $12 = $_____ enclosed Profession / Perspective: _____

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Through the Eyes of a Child

Growing up in a violent home may be a terrifying and traumatic experience that can affect every aspect of a child's life, growth, and development. Children who "witness" abuse are "victims" of abuse. In spite of this, children are incredibly resilient. When properly identified and addressed, the effects of domestic violence on children can be mitigated.

District Attorney **Elizabeth Scheibel**, Northwestern District, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies at a program about the issue of Domestic Violence as seen through the perspective of children on:

Thursday, 10/23/08
Check-in/Networking: 4:00-4:30
Program: 4:30 – 7:30
MassMutual Learning Ctr.
350 Memorial Drive, Chicopee

A Community Event
presented by the Zonta Clubs of
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Speakers:

Elizabeth D. Scheibel, N.W. District Attorney DA Scheibel supervises a staff of approximately 100 that includes 28 to 30 attorneys and a state police detective investigative unit in Hampshire and Franklin counties. Domestic violence and child abuse, especially child sexual assault cases, are the principal crime problems in her jurisdiction. She concentrates on these areas, plus elder abuse and violence against disabled persons.

Debbie King is an expert on the effects of violence on children and how to work with children and parents. She is an LCSW; school-based counselor in Amherst; has a private practice; member of the therapy collective, Paloma House, an organization that is dedicated to provide free or low-cost therapy to victims of violence; and has years of experience doing this work.

Kathy Picard of Ludlow is a survivor and child advocate who worked tirelessly to change the statute of limitations on child abuse crimes. She has received official citations from the Mass Senate and the House for her volunteer work advocacy, and was awarded the 2006 Unsung Heroine award.

Madeline Wheeler will share from personal experience the long range effects of having been abused as a child. Madeline has spoken at over 100 schools across the country in her work for Deana's Fund and for the Protection of Children and the Elderly. She has received official citations from the Mass Senate and the House for her volunteer work and leadership in domestic violence awareness advocacy, and was awarded the Unsung Heroine award at the State House this year.

LaWanza Lett-Brewington is the Executive Director of Safe Passage, a Northampton-based agency providing shelter and community support and advocacy for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. She is the past Director of Five College Consortium Violence Prevention Project and the Community Education Director at the Everywoman's Center at UMass.

Domestic Violence: Through the Eyes of a Child

Who Should Attend:

- Leaders who care about the health and safety of children: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, scout leaders, law enforcement personnel, medical and legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, clergy and other interested child advocates.
- Parents who are or have been personally touched by abusive situations and can be encouraged to attend to learn about resources.
- DV advocates are invited to share information, resources and be available for referrals

Participants will Hear About:

- The ramifications of growing up in a violent home.
- How to recognize children who may be at risk
- Strategies for responding appropriately to innocent victims
- The need to protect against unintended effects of taking action
- The supports available in our communities to help stop the violence.

Through the Eyes of a Child

A program about the issue of Domestic Violence as seen through the perspective of children.

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008
Time: 4:00—4:30 Registration, networking and refreshments
4:30—7:30 Program
Cost: $12 *
Place: MassMutual Learning Ctr.
Memorial Drive (Rt. 33)
Chicopee, MA
I-90 Exit 5 - right 1/2 mile

Registration by 10/16 required
No walk-ins will be allowed entrance

* Valuable literature and resource materials included for the first 50 registrants.

For more information about the program, subject and speakers:
413-219-8260
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www.zontaqv.org/DomesticViolence.htm

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