Family Violence Prevention Council
Speakers Bureau

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If you have training needs or are interested in a presentation on a family violence topic that is not included in this speaker’s bureau, please call the Family Violence Prevention Council at 778-2153. We are fortunate in Broome County to have a large variety of capable professionals that can tailor trainings/presentations to meet your needs. The Council office would be pleased to make appropriate suggestions in this regard.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Family Violence Prevention Council  www.gobroomecounty.com/fypc
“Effects of Domestic Violence on Children”  Contact: Janette Cyganovich, 778-2153

Crime Victims Assistance Center  www.cvac.us  Contact: Education Coordinator, 723-3200
“Workplace Violence and Workplace Safety”
“Youth Assault Prevention Program” (see child abuse section)
Domestic violence presentations are tailored to meet individual requests.

Family & Children’s Society  www.familycs.org  Contact: P.J. Dailey, 729-6206
“Domestic Violence”
Working with families affected by domestic violence

SOS Shelter, Inc.  www.sosshelter.org  Contact: Dr. Patricia Ericksen, 748-7453
“Domestic Violence Training from Experts in the Field”
“Violence in the Workplace- Supporting a Victim”
“Assisting Agencies to create workplace violence policy”
“Domestic Violence and Children”
“Professional Domestic Violence Training for Law Enforcement”
“Unhealthy Relationships”
“Dating and Control”
“How to Support a Victim of Domestic Violence”
“Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse”
“Domestic Violence and Culture”
“Domestic Violence Effects on Family and Friends”
“Secrets” Program for young girls.
“Safety Planning” Make a plan to leave, how to stay as safe as possible until you do.
SOS Shelter is the sole licensed domestic violence shelter in Broome County bringing you expert education and information regarding domestic violence. Please contact us for a specific presentation need. Programs have been developed for specific audience requests. 24 hour safe emergency shelter and services, legal and court advocacy support, 24 hour hospital advocacy support.
ELDER ABUSE:

**Action for Older Persons, Inc.** | [www.actionforolderpersons.org](http://www.actionforolderpersons.org) | **Contact**: Shelli Cordisco, 722-1251

*Elder Sensitivity Training*:
This workshop has a three-fold purpose: (1) to build a strong commitment between community resources and service providers in networking services of the elderly; (2) to expand the sensitivity, knowledge, and skills of service providers to the older adult environment; and (3) to identify at-risk older adults and maximize use of existing community resources. Topics include: The Many Facets of Confusion; Communicating with Confused Persons; Components of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation; What to Look For; and Community Resources. Simulation activities are integral to this training.

*Perceptions of Aging*:
This two-part workshop includes a “Fact or Fallacy Aging Quiz” and an interactive “Perception Circles” exercise. Participants are encouraged to examine their own beliefs and perceptions about aging while relearning several aging facts to take on positive, rather than traditionally negative, images of older adults.

**Adult Protective Services** | **Contact**: John Choynowski, 778-3757

*Elder Abuse and the Role of Adult Protective Services*
This presentation is designed to improve awareness and understanding of the complexities of identification of victims and referrals to the appropriate authorities. Topics include, “Why Victims Are Reluctant to Report”, “Who Are the Abusers”, “Types of Abuse” and “The Role of Adult Protective Services”. The training can be tailored to different disciplines and can be delivered in anywhere from 45 minutes to 2.5 hours depending on depth.

**Attorney General’s Office** | [www.oag.state.ny.us](http://www.oag.state.ny.us) | **Contact**: Dennis McCabe, 721-8778

*Combating Against Financial Exploitation of the Elderly*
This workshop is designed for bank personnel to improve identification of financial exploitation and to promote awareness regarding the referral process to Protective Services, law enforcement, Attorney General and District Attorney. The presentation is a joint effort between the above representatives and TRIAD.

**Crime Victims Assistance Center** | [www.cvac.us](http://www.cvac.us) | **Contact**: Education Coordinator, 723-3200

Trainings are developed with a specific target audience in mind and depending on the request.

**SOS Shelter, Inc** | [www.sosshelter.org](http://www.sosshelter.org) | **Contact**: Dr. Patricia Ericksen, 748-7453

Domestic violence affects the elderly in the following ways: financial abuse, physical abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, isolation and intimidation. SOS Shelter provides safe shelter and services, free of charge to elderly women who are in unhealthy relationships and are victims of domestic violence. Programs for the elderly can be presented at Senior Centers, churches or at special events. Educational programs are presented to agency staff meetings. 24 hour safe emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis line, 24 hour advocacy hospital support, weekly support groups.
CHILD ABUSE:

**Child Protective Services / Dept. of Social Services**  
Contact: Julia Hepworth, 778-2597  
Provides in-service trainings on child abuse and neglect. Content is tailored to the needs of the audience but typically includes types of child abuse, indicators, how to report child abuse and local standards. Also provides awareness presentations on the function of local Dept. of Social Services and services available through the department.

**Crime Victims Assistance Center**  
[www.cvac.us](http://www.cvac.us)  
Contact: Education Coordinator, 723-3200  
“Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)”  
This program addresses faculty, staff, parents, students and others depending on the target audience.

“Youth Assault Prevention Program (YAP)”  
This program builds upon the CAP program and addresses issues such as dating and relationship violence, date rape and date rape drugs, etc.

Other programs that can be tailored to suit individual requests include topics such as “indicators of sexual/physical abuse of children”, “preventing child abuse”, and “various aspects of responding to disclosures”.

**Family & Children's Society**  
[www.familycs.org](http://www.familycs.org)  
“Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse”  
Contact: Mark Cantales, 729-6206  
“Sexual Abuse Treatment”  
Contact: Ronee Brimberg-Clark, 729-6206

**Family Violence Prevention Council**  
[www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc)  
Contact: Janette Cyganovich, 778-2153  
“Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment”  
This 3-hour class for mandated reporters fulfills the requirements for certification as mandatory for many licensed professionals. This seminar addresses physical and behavioral indicators, the reporting requirements set out in the New York State Syllabus and other mandates regarding reporting. (Fee: $170/session plus $2.00 per person).

Council can also provide a 1-hour refresher class to mandated reporters who have already taken the 3-hour class (free).

**Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network**  
[www.mothersandbabies.org](http://www.mothersandbabies.org)  
Contact: Christie Finch, 772-0517  
Contact: Ginny Schmitt, 772-0517  
Provides in-service training on Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). Workshop can be tailored for either professional or consumer groups and includes information about the typical victim & perpetrator, triggers and injuries. In-depth discussions about developmental crying and coping strategies are provided. The Family Resources Centers in our communities are highlighted as a source of referral and support.
COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE:

**ACCORD, A Center for Dispute Resolution, Inc.** [www.accordny.com](http://www.accordny.com)

**Contact:** Richard Squire, 724-5153  
**Email:** contact@accordny.com

Staff of ACCORD are available to discuss the array of Alternative Dispute Resolution services available to assist in resolving conflicts in our community.

**Voices for Children / CASA Program**  
**Contact:** Kacey Ellsworth, 724-5153

The Voices for Children / CASA Program serves youth in Broome and Tioga Counties referred to the program by Family Court Judges. Youth referred must be at risk of abuse or neglect. Learn more about this valuable service that last year reduced the average length of stay of children in foster care by 26%.

**Assisted Senior Communication (A Program for Seniors, Their Families, and Others)**  
**Contact:** Tom Botts, 724-5153

This program assists the community to be aware of an opportunity for seniors and/or those that care for them to have a facilitated discussion about the difficult issues they face such as safety, independence, living arrangements, healthcare, finance, or congregate care.

**Peer Mediation Training - for Schools**  
**Contact:** Beth Kurkoski, 724-5153

This program consists of training for both the planning and implementation phases of a comprehensive school-wide Peer Mediation Program. The ACCORD training consists of 15-hours of training for approximately 20 staff and students. The training is usually conducted as a series of weekly trainings. In the Peer Mediation Program, trained students mediate student/student conflicts that occur in the school. It is expected that the Peer Mediation Program will continue in the school with the school staff as supervisors and coordinators of program.

**Conflict Resolution Skills and Communication Techniques Training**  
**Contact:** Beth Kurkoski, 724-5153

This interactive and dynamic training teaches individuals problem solving skills, active listening skills and communication types and styles. This training may be an overview to introduce the concept that there are a variety of ways to communicate or may be a skill-training program to assist the trainees in developing a variety of methods of interacting with different individuals. These trainings can be presented for youth or adult groups.

**Workplace Dispute Resolution**  
**Contact:** Beth Kurkoski, 724-5153

Workplace trainings can include topics such as Managerial Communication, Co-worker Conflict Resolution, Supervisory Communications, Causes of Conflict, and Conflict Management Techniques. Mediator training can also be provided for corporate staff. In addition, mediation services provided by ACCORD's trained mediators are also available to help resolve workplace conflicts.
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Long Term Care Ombudsman Program provides information and public education to assist individual residents, or individuals requesting information on behalf of a resident, concerning the long term care system, the rights and protections of residents in long term care facilities and services available to those residents. Public education activities include public speaking engagements, sponsoring or conducting workshops, promoting the development of community organizations to participate in the ombudsman program, developing and distributing written material (i.e. Broome County Elder Services Guide, Mature Messenger newsletter) and promoting media coverage of long term care and elder victimization issues.

**Is Your Computer Spying on You?**
This timely workshop addresses the growing threat of “Spyware.” Topics include An Explanation of the Threat, How Virus Protection Falls Short, and Practical Measures to Protect Your Privacy.

**Attorney General’s Office** [www.oag.state.ny.us](http://www.oag.state.ny.us)  **Contact:** Dennis McCabe 721-8778

**“Protecting Our Children On-line”**
This presentation discusses the internet in general, ways to teach children how to protect their personal data, chat rooms, instant messaging, the need for parents to evaluate the web sites their children visit, the availability of blocking and monitoring software, ways to customize children's access to the world wide web, and ways to avoid unwanted commercial and e-mail solicitation. Target audience is any parent group (i.e. PTO, church groups). No fee, and no min/max number.

**“Stopping Telemarketing Fraud”**
This presentation discusses the scope of the problem of telemarketing fraud, the reasons why seniors are targeted for exploitation, the operation and techniques used to defraud people, particular schemes happening within our area, and how to combat against telemarketing fraud. Target audiences: senior citizens groups and service clubs. No fee, and no min/max audience.

**Crime Victims Assistance Center** [www.cvac.us](http://www.cvac.us)  **Contact:** Education Coordinator, 723-3200

Presentations are tailored to individual requests and include any aspects of victimization including domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse.

**Family Violence Prevention Council** [www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc)  **Contact:** Janette Cyganovich, 778-2153

Presentations on topics of elder abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence can be tailored to individual group needs. Topics like: healthy dating relationships, prevention of child abuse, how domestic violence affects children.

**SOS Shelter, Inc.** [www.sosshelter.org](http://www.sosshelter.org)  **Contact:** Dr. Patricia Ericksen, 748-7453

SOS Shelter is the sole licensed domestic violence shelter in Broome County. SOS community education programs incorporate information appropriate for all ages, races, religions, genders and populations. See above list for program ideas. 24 hour staffed emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis line, advocacy services, weekly support groups, training and education, 24 hour advocacy hospital support, free services.