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CSOSA SUPPORTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS BY SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

CSOSA'S CJAN NETWORK

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On October 28th, 2014, CSOSA's Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network (CJAN) hosted its 1st Community Forum for FY 2015. The theme was Domestic Violence in Our Community. The evening began by welcoming the attendees, followed by an introduction of CSOSA's Branch Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit, Valerie Collins. She gave a brief overview of the topic to be presented, and then introduced her team of experts led by Supervisory Community Supervision Officer Karen Johnson. The presenters showed a brief film followed by narration with the message that domestic violence and abuse does not discriminate and it happens among heterosexual couples and in same-sex partnerships. It occurs within all age ranges, ethnic backgrounds, and economic levels. While women are more commonly victimized, men are also abused. The bottom line is that abusive behavior is never acceptable; physical violence and abuse is a crime.

The next presenter, a representative of MPD's Domestic Violence Unit reinforced the message that CSOSA's team of experts delivered. This was followed by a testimonial of a former client. By this time, the message was becoming crystal clear. All domestic violence is wrong, and no one should have to endure it! CSOSA's Domestic Violence Unit did what good presenters do - they sug-

gested solutions. The following are a few of the things discussed to help a friend or family member that you suspect is a victim in need of help: 1) Gather information about domestic violence so that you will become an informed advocate; 2) Have a sympathetic ear; 3) Encourage the victim to find assistance; 4) Give the victim positive reinforcement, emphasizing that he or she deserves a life free

from violence; 5) Confront the victim about the danger his/her abuser is putting he or she through and letting he or she know that it will continue until they seek help, and; 6) Help the victim develop a safety plan. All attendees left the meeting well informed about domestic violence and how it harms our communities. They all agreed that the meeting was "time well spent."



CSOSA's Domestic Violence Unit Supervisory Community Supervision Officer Karen Johnson was photographed as she addressed community members at the Sixth District CJAN meeting.



The loyal Sixth District CJAN members came out in force to learn about a topic that they believed was effecting their community in a negative manner. There were 55 attendees at the meeting on the 28th of October, 2014.

PHOTO GALLERY: SIXTH DISTRICT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CJAN MEETING



CSOSA's Senior Domestic Violence team member Lorraine Smith is shown delivering an emotional and passionate presentation referencing domestic violence in the community.



CSOSA's Domestic Violence Unit team member Tiffany Yacomeni is shown above as she delivers her informative presentation surrounding issues related to Domestic Violence. She was supported by many of her colleagues in the audience.



Community Justice Advisory Network Partners and CSOSA staff members remained attentive throughout the presentations.



Intergovernmental and Community Affairs Specialist Lawrence Jordan welcomes the CJAN members, and promises them an enjoyable and educational meeting.

Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence

- ◆ National Domestic Violence Hotline - (800) 799-SAFE
- ◆ DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence - (202) 299-1181
- ◆ Rape Crisis Center (counseling and self defense classes) - (202) 333-7273
- ◆ Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's Domestic Violence Unit - (202) 442-1823

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and residents of the Sixth District:

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) mission remains to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice, in close collaboration with the community. In the Sixth District, we intend to achieve our objectives through the support of pro-social activities, and the strict accountability towards the men and women that we supervise.

Lawrence E. Jordan **"Seasons Greetings"**

To submit a community announcement, a scheduled activity or for more information about the Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network, contact: Lawrence E. Jordan at (202) 220-5515 or (202) 220-5333.