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COUNTY SPONSORS COMMUNITY “RESOURCE FAIR”

Public Invited To Learn About Crisis Management in The Home and School

Burlington County residents who want to learn more about community and school programs and services to prevent and address crisis due to suicide, homicide, accident and illness are invited to attend a Resource Fair this Thursday, May 10, 2012, at the Burlington County Institute of Technology, 695 Woodlane Road, Westampton

The event, which will be held from 10 AM to 2 PM in the school’s Atrium, is being held in recognition of National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month. It is being hosted by the Burlington County Traumatic Loss Coalition (TLC), in collaboration with the Burlington County School Crisis Response Team (BCSCRT). There is no charge.

Many community organizations will be on hand to answer questions and to provide information on community-based programs, outreach and prevention programs, crisis services, referrals, mental health services and other support for children, youth, adults, older adults, families and others.

Patricia Miller and Shala Pullen of the Lester A Drenk Behavioral Health’s Children’s Mobile Response and Stabilization Services will be presenting on “Knowing the Risks and Causes of Depression and Treatment for Children.” The presentation will be from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM.

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The Burlington County Traumatic Loss Coalition and the Burlington County School Crisis Response Team work together to assist participating school districts following unfortunate losses due to suicide, homicide, accident and illness.

The Burlington County School Crisis Response Team initiative is managed by the Educational Service Unit of the Burlington County Special Services School District.

Initiative participants include member public school districts in Burlington County, Burlington County Office of Education, and Burlington County College. Participating districts provide crisis team members to assist school districts during a crisis.

Crisis team members are trained to assist local district administrators and staff in dealing with all aspects of crisis management. This includes student safety, crisis counseling, coordinating with police and emergency personnel, communication with parents, providing information to the media, and other important tasks.

The Burlington County Traumatic Loss Coalition brings to the table key stakeholders in school personnel, mental health, social services and advocacy to disseminate information and to review best practices in the areas of mental health, trauma and suicide prevention.

For more information on the Resource Fair or the coalition, contact Elfrieda M. Francis, County Traumatic Loss Coordinator at efrancis@co.burlington.nj.us or (609) 265-5538.

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