Domestic Violence: It’s Your Business

Domestic violence is a serious problem, and it affects every segment of society. Join us for an informative Lunch and Learn on December 14, at 12:00PM. Representatives from the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County (DVRCSC) will discuss topics including:

- What is Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence Specific to Elders (Intimate Partners and Family Caretakers)
- How to Recognize Abuse
- How to Help
- Overview of the agency
- Important Resources

The DVRC is a nonprofit agency that works toward a future free of violence, and to build a community in which each individual shares the responsibility to create a culture of safety and personal dignity. They work collaboratively to offer safety, support, advocacy, education and a network of services to the residents of Washington County. The DVRCSC is dedicated to both preventing and responding to domestic violence by working to change the social conditions, beliefs, and social actions that perpetuate abuse.

Jamie Summerly has been working at DVRC for the past 4 years as the Law Enforcement Advocate and Court Advocate. Her primary role at the agency is to assist victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault navigate the complex criminal justice system. Prior to DVRC, Jamie worked in non-profit education for 6 years. She is a graduate of URI with a BS in Human Development and Family Studies and currently resides in Wakefield with her husband and dog.

Judy Beatrice has raised 3 children and worked in education and social services throughout her career. She has a Master's Degree from URI and has been at DVRC for the last 25 years. She has had many roles at the agency. The most significant was as a licensed clinician. Currently, she works part time as a court advocate and support group leader. She has lived in Wakefield for many years and enjoys traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren.