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### 2011 FAMILY VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM AT COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 22

“**Lake County’s Response to Sexual Assault**” is the topic for the Family Violence Symposium on Thursday, September 22, at the College of Lake County presented by the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC).

The Lake County Sexual Assault Coordinating Council will be presenting the new Lake County Sexual Assault Coordinating Council Protocol. This comprehensive, county-wide protocol presents a unified, coordinated effort in dealing with sexual assault and abuse. It will be utilized by community agencies who work with survivors of sexual assault and abuse. The protocol includes information on how to respond to sexual assault for law enforcement, medical providers, schools, advocates, courts, and treatment providers.

The Honorable Victoria A. Rossetti, Chief Judge and Council Chair, will provide the Welcome along with Michael J. Waller, Lake County State’s Attorney. A keynote address will be provided by Gail Stern on “Victim Blaming: From Argument to Education.” Kaethe Morris Hoffer, Legal Director for Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, will discuss Civil No Contact Orders and how they can be used in sexual assault cases.

The services of Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center and the Lake County Children’s Advocacy Center will be outlined and an Overview of the Sexual Assault Coordinating Council and the process involved in developing the protocol will be presented.

After lunch there will be five breakout groups by discipline to receive training on the actual protocol. Each attendee will receive a copy of the new protocol. Professional credits are available for attorneys, nurses, social workers, teachers, law enforcement, and paramedics.

The symposium will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm. in the C-Wing Auditorium (C005, lower level C Wing) on CLC's Grayslake campus, 19351 West Washington Street. The fee for the symposium is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast/lunch.

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