



Community Planning Council

The Community Planning Council was established by Greenwich United Way to encourage the most effective and efficient health and human service delivery system for Greenwich. Comprised of community leaders, nonprofit service professionals, Greenwich United Way board members, and community volunteers, the work of the Planning Council, particularly through its periodic Needs Assessments, has led to the development of some of the Town's most valued programs and institutions.

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Community Planning Council Meeting Thursday 11/15, 8:30 am, Temple Shalom

Basic Human Needs: The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education Services

Jessica Feighan, Director of Education, Outreach and Operations at The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education

According to the Greenwich United Way's Needs Assessment, domestic violence is the number one reported violent crime in Greenwich.

Highlights from the Presentation:

Jessica Feighan presented on the background and history of The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education Services. She also provided an update on the services they provide.

Ms. Feighan shared The Sexual Violence Continuum and how the continuum is integral to their approach and service delivery when working with the community. The sexual violence continuum is an attempt to explain how our norms and beliefs allow for an environment where sexual violence occurs. The points she covered on The Sexual Violence Continuum include: Social Norms of Entitlement, Individual Belief System That Justifies Aggression, Invasion of Space, Unwanted Sexual Touch, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault/Abuse, Rape and Death. In addition, she provided a definition of sexual violence, which is any unwanted, forced, tricked or coerced sexual activity and the roots of sexual violence.

Ms. Feighan presented on Understanding the Continuum of Sexual Violence. The article she shared focused on the belief systems that support sexual violence as well as briefly discussing types of sexual violence, in an effort to bring about an understanding of this issue that will ultimately lead to addressing the sexism that promotes it.

Ms. Feighan also provided examples of prevention education and workshop/services they provide to address areas around sexual violence in Greenwich and Fairfield County. Some of those include, the Feeling Safe program, Digital Citizenship, Dynamics of Sexual Assault and Know Before You Go.

Next Community Planning Council Meeting:

Thursday, 12/6, 8:00 am, Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room, Legislative Breakfast

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