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D.A. McMahon Announces Expansion Of Intimate Partner Violence Training For Salon Professionals

Training, which teaches salon workers how to recognize signs of domestic abuse and familiarize staff on resources available to victims, will now be offered to barber shops and tattoo parlors

Staten Island, N.Y. -- Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced an expansion of RCDA's Intimate Partner Training initiative for salon professionals to now include barber shops and tattoo parlors. Under the expanded program, owners and staff at these establishments will be offered free training on how to recognize the signs of intimate partner violence, familiarize staff on resources available to victims within the borough, and teach them how to safely and discreetly refer victims to help.

"Domestic violence can come in many forms and I am proud to announce that my office will now offer expanded services to reach more victims in need," said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. "Intimate partner violence is a tragic reality for too many women and men on Staten Island. Unfortunately, this abuse often goes unreported out of fear and stigma, which only adds to the cycle of violence that plagues the lives of these victims. When equipped with the proper training to recognize signs of abuse, these employees can empower victims to find the help they need but may be too scared to seek on their own. This innovative approach will be yet another tool used by my office in our mission to end domestic violence on Staten Island."

To sign up your business for a training session please contact Morgan.Mazzarella@rcda.nyc.gov

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