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Nassau County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence

Report to the County Executive

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2010-2011
Recommendations of the Task Force on Family Violence to
County Executive Edward P. Mangano

Recommendation	Outcome	Status
<p>1) Public Service Announcements (PSA's) by the County Executive advocating Nassau County as a family and domestic violence-free zone. Suggested slogan: <i>Violence is Not the Answer.</i></p>	<p>The PSAs have been recorded by the County Executive and were distributed to radio stations through the County Press Office .</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>2) A regional conference to be held at Long Island University – CW Post Campus, highlighting the issues of family and domestic violence.</p>	<p>The <i>Many Faces of Family Violence Conference</i> was held on April 8, 2011 and had more than 200 participants.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>3) A poster contest/competition for Nassau County colleges and universities to come up with the most effective poster for preventing family and domestic violence.</p>	<p>The <i>Violence is Not the Answer Poster Contest</i> occurred in March 2011. A ceremony was held on May 11th to recognize the grand prize winner, Mariam Amanollahi from NYIT, and the four other finalists. One student's poster was selected to be used as the future logo for the Task Force.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>4) A brochure detailing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence will be distributed with all Nassau County paychecks.</p>	<p>The brochure was distributed to all Nassau County employees in September 2011.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>5) The Bar Association will offer a series of lectures on domestic violence.</p>	<p>The Bar Association held training on September 19, 2011 for attorneys. The attorneys</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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	who attended this training will be doing pro-bono work to underserved communities.	
6) Publication of a Speaker's Bureau.	The Speaker's Bureau currently has five members from the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The Nassau County Bar Association, The Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect, and Child Abuse Prevention.	Complete
7) Every faith-based organization will be asked to set aside a sermon addressing family and domestic violence.	In October 2010 County Executive Mangano sent a letter to all clergy requesting that they address family and domestic violence in a sermon. Over 200 members of the clergy participated through the Task Force's outreach.	Complete
8) All Health and Human services departments will require their contract agencies to develop a plan for community seminars and postings highlighting the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and information on how to report emergencies and suspicions of child abuse.	Contract wording finalized by the County Attorney's Office. All 2012 Health and Human Services contracts will contain the provision.	Complete
9) Ask the utility companies to include with their monthly statement a brochure listing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and what to do in an emergency.	The brochure is currently being translated into Spanish. Distribution will be arranged once this is complete.	In progress
10) Hospitals will be requested	The Task Force's Public	In progress

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to post notices in all emergency rooms detailing the signs and symptoms of family and domestic violence, and giving a number to call.	Relations Committee is currently working on this. Once complete, all hospital CEOs will be contacted.	

2012

**Recommendations of the Task Force on Family Violence
Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano**

- 1) A second regional conference to be held in 2012 that will address the areas of family and domestic violence. The addition of a multicultural workshop will be added along with new speakers.
- 2) Engage agencies and advocacy groups that focus on younger children by providing them with information related to family and domestic violence which they can use in order to educate their consumers.
- 3) Form a Committee for Student Outreach to initiate programs for college students and law schools to address the issues of dating violence and sexual assault.
- 4) A video contest/competition for Nassau County high schools students to dramatize the issues of family and domestic violence. Winning videos to be shown at a red carpet premiere with awards from the County Executive.
- 5) Include the Task Force's brochure with the Department of Health's information provided to new parents upon discharge from hospitals.
- 6) Have Task Force's trifold and brochure distributed to Nassau County hospitals, colleges, physicians and related health care facilities.
- 7) The Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County CASA, and the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs will collaborate on new training initiatives for police on family and domestic violence signs, symptoms, and prevention.
- 8) Repeat annual sermons in all religious congregations during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- 9) Creation of a Veterans Committee, to be chaired by Assemblyman David G. McDonough, which addresses the specific needs of veterans and their families in relation to post- traumatic stress disorder and family violence.
- 10) Creation of a Multicultural Committee, to be co-chaired by Alana Smith (OMA) and Beatrice Lozada (CASA), which addresses the issues of minority communities within Nassau County when it comes to family and domestic violence and the cultural issues surrounding them.

A final report to the County Executive shall be presented upon completion of these initiatives.