



ABOUT DAY ONE

Day One is the only agency in Rhode Island organized specifically to deal with issues of sexual assault as a community concern. We provide treatment, intervention, education, advocacy, and prevention services to Rhode Islanders of all ages, from preschool children to elderly adults.

Nearly 70 percent of the victims that we see are children. Day One's nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center provides evaluation, evidence gathering and treatment for child victims as well as their non-offending family members. This approach increases the likelihood of successful prosecution of child sexual abuse cases without re-victimizing the child.

Services and programs are provided free of charge, with the exception of clinical services. However, clients without health insurance can receive clinical services on a sliding scale basis. No one is ever turned away for the inability to pay.

We advocate for public policy initiatives and systemic changes that positively impact how Rhode Island families handle sexual abuse cases. Our funding comes from federal and state grants, corporate and individual donations and private foundations.

Our comprehensive services include:

- 24-hour Helpline, legal advocacy
- Law enforcement advocacy programs
- Individual and group counseling
- Professional training sessions
- Prevention education workshops

We work hand in hand with law enforcement agencies and treatment providers to ensure a consistent and collaborative approach to the growing epidemic of sexual abuse and sexual assault. We are currently leading a statewide task force to effectively address the issue of human sex trafficking in Rhode Island.

Day One was founded in 1973 as the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center. The agency changed its name in 1998 to the Rhode Island Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center to reflect the full range of services to reduce sexual assaults and the trauma inflicted upon its victims and their families. In 2006, the organization's name was changed to Day One to foster a positive outlook for survivors of sexual abuse.

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Day One announces plans for task force to address sex trafficking in Rhode Island

Recognizing the need for a more formal approach to dealing with the rising issue of sex trafficking in the state, Day One convenes new task force to develop best practices and make recommendations

Providence, RI – November 25, 2013 – Day One, the only agency in the state organized specifically to deal with the issue of sexual assault as a community concern, has assembled a core team to address the issue of sex trafficking in Rhode Island. Recently, the state has been inundated with these cases and there is no cohesive process for effectively dealing with them.

“We are dedicated to bringing this topic to the forefront,” says Peg Langhammer, Day One executive director. “Sex trafficking is a statewide issue, and we know we can’t fight it alone. The task force will provide a forum for us to collaborate with all the right stakeholders to determine the best approach.”

The goals of the task force are to:

- Review existing policies and protocols used in investigation, prosecution and victim advocacy
- Provide crisis intervention training to law enforcement, social services, medical treatment providers and schools
- Educate the community about warning signs and how to report suspected cases
- Generate a process for what happens to victims after the crime has been identified
- Develop a best practices model, through team collaboration, to effectively address this crime

The initial team, which includes representatives from federal, state and local law enforcement, the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF), healthcare providers and more; will develop



goals and divide efforts among strategic subcommittees focused on victim services, education and training, and best practices for investigating and prosecuting these cases.

The issue of sex trafficking has been a key part of Day One’s training curriculum for more than five years. Law enforcement, social services, medical staff and educators are trained to recognize warning signs of sex trafficking victims, how to talk to victims, specific questions to ask, and the unique dynamics of these sensitive cases.

“The goal is to reach beyond the agencies that go through regular training sessions to the community at large, teachers, doctors, neighbors, – the people who see these victims every day and can recognize the red flags,” says Langhammer. “It’s clear the time has come for a formalized approach.”

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Day One to Convene College and Universities From Around the State to Address Sexual Assault

With college sexual assaults on the rise in our state and around the country, Day One is offering the Green Dot Training Program to area higher education institutions, August 12-15 at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick, RI

August 7, 2014 – Providence, Rhode Island— One in five women has been sexually assaulted while at college, according to the recent report by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, “Not Alone.” In an effort to address this epidemic, Day One will host an extensive Green Dot training program next week for all of Rhode Island’s colleges and universities.

“The response has been very encouraging,” says Sandra Malone, Day One’s education and prevention coordinator, of the training. “Nearly every college and university in the state will be represented.”

Green Dot training is built on the premise that in order to measurably reduce the perpetration of power-based personal violence, a cultural shift is necessary. In order to create a cultural shift, a critical mass of people will need to engage in a new behavior or set of behaviors that will make violence less sustainable within any given community. The “new behavior” is a Green Dot. Green Dot training engages participants in skill building and analysis focused on fostering authentic relationships, personal connections, and effective persuasive communication.

Higher education institutions and organizations around the country have employed the Green Dot program with successful outcomes. With support from Johnson and Wales University, Day One will



bring this proven training model to Rhode Island for the first time. The program will run through August 15, with sessions focused on: developing and strengthening infrastructure, bystander leadership training, and social marketing of these concepts for schools.

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