

# ***Domestic Violence: A Discussion of the Psychophysiological, Sociological and Financial Factors Enabling Abuse and Undermining Personal Empowerment***

**Wednesday, June 30, 2010  
9:30am-12:00pm**  
Middle Country Public Library  
101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach  
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*Presented by:*

**Alice Agostini—Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

**Kaitlyn Pickford—Brighter Tomorrows, Inc.**

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*Moderated by:*

**Gregory Blass, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Social Services**

This panel discussion will explore the risk factors that contribute to creating an environment in which Domestic Violence may occur, the social factors that contribute to enabling abusers while alienating victims, and how education, therapy and changes in societal perceptions (brought about through public relations efforts and education) can support and empower survivors.

While providing an overview of the dynamics of domestic violence, the panelists will also explore the tactics abusers utilize to achieve psychological, social and financial control over those they victimize. Participants will gain a greater understanding of what constitutes abuse, how it impacts victims of domestic violence and how service providers, employers and public servants can assist women in empowering themselves.

This program will be of interest to health and human services providers, public servants and small business owners and operators. All are welcome.

## **To Register:**

Please complete the attached Registration Form and fax to the attention of Lori Abbatepaolo @ 631-585-5035 or mail to:

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