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Statewide Conference Addressing Sexual Assault to be Held in Providence on June 19

Day One's 2014 Conference, Connecting to Create a Future Free of Sexual Violence, will offer clinical expertise and community insight on responding to college sexual assault, sex trafficking, child sexual abuse and more

June 17, 2014 – Providence, Rhode Island— Addressing sexual assault on college campuses, responding to child sex trafficking, and understanding military sexual assault are just some of the topics to be discussed at Day One's all-day conference on June 19. As the issue of sexual assault evolves, the Day One conference will bring to the forefront state-of-the-art clinical methods and multi-disciplinary team approaches.

"Sexual violence is widespread and occurs daily in our community, but it can be prevented," says Peg Langhammer, Day One executive director. "Our conference will bring together experts from throughout the state and beyond to discuss innovative, effective responses to the sexual assault issues plaguing our communities. It's time to talk about it, and we're looking forward to having the conversation."

The recent guidelines issued by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault have mobilized universities to take action against these crimes and evaluate their current response protocols. The Day One 2014 Conference will offer best practices for dealing with college sexual assault and a first-hand account of a survivor's experience.

In addition, panel presentations will focus on child sex trafficking in Rhode Island and what's being done about it as well as the <u>Children's Advocacy Center</u>, a national model of effectively dealing with child sexual abuse cases.

Connecting to Create a Future Free of Sexual Violence takes place on Thursday, June 19 from 8:00 – 4:00 (therapeutic yoga session at 7:00 am) at the Providence Marriott. There will be a special keynote presentation by "A Long Walk Home," a non-profit organization that uses performing arts to end violence against girls and women. More information and the full agenda can be found at www.dayoneri.org/2014conference.

About Day One

Established as the RI Rape Crisis Center in 1973, Day One is the only agency in Rhode Island organized specifically to deal with issues of sexual assault as a community concern. Day One's mission is to reduce the prevalence of sexual abuse and violence and to support and advocate for those affected by it. For more information, visit www.dayoneri.org.

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