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Coaching Boys into Men Training Offered for Athletic Coaches

WEST CHESTER, PA – The Chester County Health Department and the Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc. will host a [Coaching Boys into Men](#) training event this month, designed to provide athletic coaches with the resources needed to promote respectful behavior among their players. This training session will be held at the Chester County Government Services Center Room 170, 601 Westtown Road in West Chester on Monday, March 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The training is free and [registration](#) is required.

“Athletic coaches play an extremely influential and unique role in the lives of young men, often serving as a role model or mentor to the boys they coach,” said Jeanne E. Casner, County Health Director, “Because of these special relationships, coaches are uniquely poised to positively influence how young men think and behave both on and off the field.”

In addition to promoting respectful behavior, the *Coaching Boys into Men* program addresses ways in which coaches can help prevent relationship abuse, harassment, and sexual assault. All materials necessary to implement the program will be distributed at the training.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three women and one in four men will experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes. One in five women has been raped, and one in two women has experienced some form of sexual assault. Many of those affected were abused before the age of 18.

“Protecting You and Your Environment”

The *Coaching Boys into Men* training is free, but registration is required. Reserve your spot for the March 21st training [here](#). For questions about the training, please call Lindsay Smith, Public Health Educator, Chester County Health Department, at 610-344-5209 or email lsmith@chesco.org.

The Sexual Violence Prevention Network of Chester County is co-chaired by the Chester County Health Department and the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, Inc.

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