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**PUTNAM TO ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF
THE PUTNAM COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

WHERE: The Putnam County Historic Court House, 44 Gleneida Avenue

WHEN: Monday, November 18 at 1 pm

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center in collaboration with the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, and Probation Department will be announcing the formation of the *Putnam County Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Task Force*.

The purpose of the task force will be to inform and make the public aware of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking—and the problems and tragedies that result from them. The goal is to empower people to seek help for themselves or others whom they feel may be in need of assistance.

The Task Force agencies will share statistics, aggregate data, and perform educational awareness and training in the community including high schools, social organizations, and various other organizations within the community who may have need of services for their members.

Involved agencies will collaborate in order to effectively communicate with each other to help improve services to victims.

Victim awareness, safety, and confidentiality are vital in domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking cases, and the Task Force will place a priority on these issues.

For further information, contact the Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Center at 845-628-9284 or the Putnam County District Attorney at 845-808-1050.