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Domestic violence agency offering new volunteers programs for teens, males

Hampton, VA – Teens and males are two groups being targeted by two innovative volunteering programs at Transitions Family Violence Services. These two programs are in addition to Transitions established Volunteer Program, where adults can work in a number of different areas to assist victims of family violence.

The teen volunteer group, called **SPEAK Up (SPEAK Up! (Students Prepared, Educated, Aware, and Knowledgeable)** is for male and female teens, ages 15 – 18, interested in participating in fund raisers, awareness events, and other activities to promote violence prevention.

Men for Violence Prevention (MVP) is a new program at Transitions, targeting men of all ages united in declaring their support for an end to violence against women and children. The men will also participate in fund raisers and awareness events, and give presentations to male youth groups and men’s groups about the important of fighting violence in their communities.

For more information and to sign up please call Michelle Harkey at 757-728-0025. You can also email mharkey@transitionsfvs.org or visit our website at <http://www.transitionsfvs.org>

Transitions Family Violence Services is the largest domestic violence agency in Virginia, providing comprehensive family violence services in Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and York County. Since 1977, Transitions has provided “*a pathway to safety . . . a source of hope*” to tens of thousands of women, children and men on the Virginia Peninsula. The agency offers comprehensive and intervention programs to help families with essential needs including emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy, childcare and children’s services. To date, Transitions has sheltered more than 15,000 victims of abuse for 150,000 nights and has provided outreach support to many thousands more. For more information on all the volunteer programs at Transitions, please call Michelle Harkey at (757) 728-0025 or visit www.transitionsfvs.org