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Open House featuring artwork by Transitions' child clients

Transitions Family Violence Services and Protect Our Kids, as part of our community awareness campaign during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, will be hosting an **Open House on October 25, 2006, from 9 AM - 11 AM at 137 Kings Way, Hampton**. This event is free and open to the public, and is designed to provide an opportunity to learn more about domestic violence, children who witness violence, and how the community can help break the destructive cycle.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, be sure to check out [Women's eNews special page of resources](#) for those who need help and for those who want to know more. "[Dangerous Trends, Innovative Responses](#)".

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. Protect Our Kids, a Transitions program, was founded in October 2002 to help prevent the next generation of violent individuals in our communities. Through a collaborative effort with a dozen community partners, Protect Our Kids works to provide free and confidential screenings and assessments for youth exposed to violence at home, at school and in the community. For more information, visit www.transitionsfvs.org or call 728-0025.

Art Therapy Program at Transitions Family Violence Services and Protect Our Kids

The Art Therapy Program is a vehicle for children and adults who have witnessed or experienced abuse to safely and creatively express their feelings. The art therapist guides the participant through a series of therapeutic drawings designed to help express through art what they may not be able to say in words. Art therapy provides a creative outlet for feelings of anger or sadness, encourages cooperative behavior, and lets children who have

had to assume the role of "parent" be children again.

The reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP's are recommended but not necessary. For more information or to RSVP, please call Maureen at (757) 727-0651 or emailing msavage@protectourkids.net