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Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking to Hold Community Meeting About Bucks County Massage Parlor Ordinance

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) -- As part of its work with the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking (BCAT), NOVA will hold its quarterly community meeting on the topic of Bucks County's new massage parlor ordinance. The meeting will take place via Zoom on October 12, from 5-6 p.m. The presenter will be Chelsey Jackman, Deputy Bucks County Solicitor. The presentation is free and open to Bucks County residents, business owners, as well as victim service providers and government officials, both in and outside of Bucks County. To register, go to <https://novabucks.org/events/>.

The massage parlor ordinance is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and the presentation will cover how the ordinance will be implemented in the county, as well as how regulations like this one can keep the community safe. In particular, the ordinance seeks to both deter illegal activities that seek to exploit people under the guise of a legitimate business, with the ultimate goal of putting

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an end to human trafficking. There will also be information presented on how BCAT and NOVA plan to respond to any new victims or survivors of human trafficking. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation. To learn more about BCAT, contact Elyse Hoekstra, BCAT Organizer at Elyse.Hoekstra@novabucks.org.

About NOVA

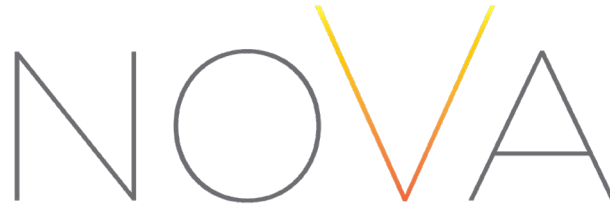
NOVA supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

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Editors' note: graphic and caption courtesy of NOVA:

The Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking (BCAT), a service of NOVA, is offering a free, virtual presentation on the new massage parlor ordinance in Bucks County via Zoom on October 12, 2022 from 5-6 p.m. The presenter is Chelsey Jackman, Deputy Bucks County Solicitor. The presentation will cover how the massage parlor ordinance will be executed in Bucks County and how the regulations can keep our community safe.

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**QUARTERLY
COMMUNITY
MEETING**

**BUCKS COUNTY'S
NEW MESSAGE PARLOR
ORDINANCE**

**Our featured presentation will
cover how the massage parlor
ordinance will be implemented in
Bucks County and how the
regulations can keep our
community safe.
Q & A session to follow.**

**October
12th**
5:00 - 6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

Presenter:
Chelsey Jackman Esq.
Deputy County Solicitor

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

REGISTER FOR FREE AT NOVABUCKS.ORG/EVENTS

For more information contact Elyse Hoekstra at BCAT-NOVA@novabucks.org