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NOVA to Offer Online Mandated Reporter Training November 4

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) NOVA, the leading non-profit organization in Bucks County supporting victims of serious crime, will offer online mandated reporter training on November 4 from 1-4 p.m. This three-hour training is listed and approved by the PA Department of Human Services, in accordance with Act 31 of 2014 and approved by the PA Department of Education, in accordance with Act 126 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code. Certificates will be distributed upon completion of the course and continuing education credits are available. To register, visit <http://www.novabucks.org/events>.

The mandatory reporter training will equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to fulfill their legal and ethical obligations as mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect. The training is based on the latest research and best practices with proven successful outcomes. The goal of the training is to increase the likelihood that mandated reporters make a report of suspected incidents of child abuse to child protective services or law enforcement.

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These includes incidents of serious physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, imminent risk or serious physical neglect.

"Mandatory reporter training provides the necessary skills to safeguard children," said Jamie Pfister, NOVA Training Coordinator. "We encourage all mandated reporters in Bucks County to sign up for this training."

In addition to offering the mandated reporter training, NOVA facilitates workshops for places of worship, parent groups, organizations or schools. For more information, contact Jamie Pfister, Training Coordinator, at Jamie.Pfister@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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Editor's Note: Interviews are available with NOVA staff. To schedule an interview, please contact Debbie Goetz at dgoetz@dgmediaconnections.com or 215-630-5408.

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