Hair stylists get lesson in spotting abuse

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Harrington House employees ordered the workshop materials—which include workbooks, a PowerPoint slideshow and videos—to conduct the training session.

Before domestic violence awareness activities began in early October, Harrington House staff visited salons to invite employees to the session. Some stylists said they had seen clients who might be dealing with abuse, said DJ Ramsey, operations manager for Harrington House.

"It's amazing how many women out there are in that predicament," she said.

Around Del Norte County, domestic violence is a large issue that the public must recognize and work to prevent, said Benita Cabrera, program supervisor for North Coast Rape Crisis Team, which serves the county.

"The community needs to understand that domestic violence is about (abusers) needing to have power and control over the people in their life," she said.

Making progress

Del Norte County is making progress, Cabrera said. Several abuse-prevention organizations and month-long awareness campaigns help to inform the community and help those who are victims of abuse, she added.

Awareness efforts this month include purple teddy bears and ribbons to show support for preventing domestic violence. Colorful t-shirts—made by abuse survivors—line the windows of businesses around Crescent City.

"I think that it helps bring the community together to know they're all being educated about the same thing at the same time," Cabrera said.

The first domestic violence awareness month was observed October of 1987. Within the year, the first national toll-free hotline for domestic violence victims began.

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence is a statewide organization that facilitates a partnership with agencies that work to prevent domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is a public health epidemic that affects victims in all areas of their lives, and so professionals in all spheres of public life should be prepared to help address the problem," said Camille Hayes, membership and communications coordinator for the organization.

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