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Stranger than Fiction: Bullying at a Family-Style Dinner

Tiverton, RI. February 16, 2011 – The best way to deal with an uncomfortable topic like bullying is to create a comfortable environment where an open, honest discussion can take place. That's the idea behind "Bullying: A Dinner Conversation with John Reis," part of the "Around Every Corner" series of parent education programs sponsored by the Tiverton Prevention Coalition.

The event features a free family-style, full-course dinner, a game of Bullying Bingo and lively dinner discussion about how to create an environment where bullying is simply not tolerated. The dinner discussion and game will be led by Police Lt. John Reis (ret). Parents and their middle school aged children are invited to attend.

Lt. Reis is the former commander of the Providence Police Department's Youth Services Bureau. He established the School/Community Gang Intervention Team in that department and has more than 20 years of experience working in the field of gang prevention, relationship violence, bullying and school safety. Lt. Reis has consulted with Youth Crime Watch of America, National Crime Prevention Council, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, New England Community Policing Consortium and numerous educational and human service agencies. He is the founder and president of the Rhode Island Juvenile Officer's Association and Rhode Island's first Crime Prevention Specialist for the Department of Attorney General. He was also a featured presenter at the first program in the "Around Every Corner" series, "Kids on the Dark Side of Technology" in January.

"Bullying" is open to Tiverton Middle School families. Younger children are welcome to attend the dinner and will be encouraged to participate in supervised age appropriate activities. The dinner will be served at the school on March 10 at 6pm. The same program will be repeated at the Little Compton Community Center on March 24 for Little Compton families. Admission is free but advanced reservations are required. To reserve your seat at the dinner conversation with Lt. Reis, contact Tiverton Prevention Coalition Coordinator Rebecca Elwell at 401-835-5311.

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