



**Linda & Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women
Wins \$50,000 Grant from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey
for Teen Dating Abuse Video**

Livingston, N.J., November 17, 2011—The National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section is delighted to announce that it's Linda & Rudy Slucker Center for Women has received a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, Inc. to produce a new educational video on teen dating abuse awareness and prevention.

The 15-minute video, to be entitled "Love Shouldn't Hurt," will be a teaching supplement for NCJW's Teen Dating Abuse (TDA) program, which, for close to 20 years, has been providing a teen dating abuse prevention and awareness program in Essex County high schools. Trained dating-abuse educators conduct the two-period workshops in high school health classes. Students learn how to recognize signs of abuse, how to end abusive relationships, and how to develop healthy dating relationships.

The TDA program—which is free of charge and can fulfill the new N.J. Department of Education requirement to incorporate dating violence education into the health curriculum—is designed to address the frightening facts that one in three adolescents who has been in a dating relationship has experienced verbal or physical abuse from a dating partner, and that nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused continue to date their abusive partner.

The new video, "Love Shouldn't Hurt" will replace the original, decade-old video used in the program, and will include up-to-date information about the role of digital technology in dating abuse.

In addition to working directly with students, TDA runs a program for parent and community groups —such as PTAs, synagogues, and churches—called Teen Dating: the Untold Story. For information on having a TDA presentation in your school or for your parent group, or if you are interested in becoming a TDA volunteer, call the NCJW office at 973.740.0588.

The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey is an independent, endowed grant-making organization dedicated to reducing disparities in the delivery of healthcare and improving access to quality healthcare for vulnerable populations in the greater Newark area and the Jewish community of MetroWest, New Jersey.

The Linda & Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women (CFW) is a nonsectarian service-provider sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section. Located in Livingston, New Jersey, CFW provides a variety of support groups for women and children, dating-abuse education for teens, skills training for women re-entering the workforce. CFW is a grantee of the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division on Women.

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