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PFML TELLS KIDS: YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF YOUR BODY PO Gregory Joins *Parents for Megan's Law* in 2014 Educational Series Kickoff



Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory is pictured with Jackie Narkiewicz, Copiague Library; Irma Orozco, PFML; and children who participated in the PFML workshop

Amityville, NY – Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory co-sponsored a workshop for children and parents to assist in empowering children to protect themselves from child abuse.

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The Parents for Megan's Law's workshop entitled "You're in Charge" is tailored to young children from preschool-age to third grade. Copiague Memorial Library hosted the workshop, which raises awareness for parents and teaches children that 'they get to decide who touches them and how.'

Laura Ahearn, Executive Director of Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center praised Presiding Officer Gregory for his dedication to educational programs aimed at preventing sexual victimization, and providing services to those in need. She added that, "Presiding Officer Gregory is a staunch advocate for the community, and his presence at community based educational programs demonstrates his commitment to our most vulnerable populations."

Copiague Library Director of Children Services, Jackie Narkiewicz said, "Parents for Megan's Law is able to take a very sensitive subject and make it more understandable for both parents and children. Children are empowered after taking this class because they learn to use songs and catch phrases that they can use if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation with an adult."

"I commend the dedicated representative of Parents for Megan's Law for her commitment to the safety and well-being of the children in our community," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "Their organization adeptly provides age-appropriate information to children along with resources for parents to help keep their children safe."

Presiding Officer Gregory will join Parents for Megan's Law as they present workshops in communities across Suffolk County. For more information about Parents for Megan's Law, their programs and services, visit www.parentsformeganslaw.org

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