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The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office believes that education and awareness are critically important factors in the fight against crime. Through our *Teen Dating Violence and Internet Safety Program*, prosecutors from our Child Abuse & Domestic Violence Bureau speak to students about the consequences their actions can have on their personal lives.

Teen Dating Violence:

Studies have shown that adults who either commit violence against their domestic partner, or are abused by their domestic partner, often offend or experience domestic violence for the first time in their teenage years. This presentation is designed to show students the warning signs of dating violence. This interactive presentation offers video clips and class participation to help student recognize potential dating violence situations in their own lives as well as the lives of their friends and classmates. It also provides critical information on how these students can seek help if they find themselves in a physically or verbally abusive teen relationship.

Internet Safety:

Technology has changed our world in many positive ways. With a tap of a finger, information can be transmitted across the planet in a matter of seconds. However, with these amazing advances in technology comes an abundance of dangers that children must be prepared to encounter. This interactive presentation, complete with video clips, will help children recognize the real dangers associated with the internet and will address cyber bullying, peer pressure, and online sexual predators. This presentation aims to have children reevaluate their own conduct on the internet and recognize how their choices can have a lasting impact on their personal and professional futures.

To sign your school up for the *Teen Dating Violence and Internet Safety Program*, or for more information, please contact Kerri Ann Souto at:
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