

## Norfolk Advocates for Children & Investigating Campus Sexual Assaults

Professionals from the Norfolk Advocates for Children played important roles in the training on investigating sexual assaults and domestic violence in school settings hosted by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey on June 10.

The NAC, with the help and support of DA Morrissey, works to expand its presence in Norfolk County communities by offering training on a number of child-protection and investigative topics

NAC program director Farah Hill spoke to more than 100 college and high school administrators, campus security officials and municipal police detectives at the training about the resources available through the NAC – including its mandatory reporter training. Several members of the DA’s staff who work at the NAC in Foxborough had opportunity to network with attendees and discuss future training opportunities.

Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty, Chief of Morrissey’s Special Victim’s Unit, presented a case study on best investigative practices. Regional coordinator Kristi Holden outlined the SANE and Pedi-SANE programs and their importance.

MSP Lt. Dave McSweeney, supervisor of the detectives working in the SVU in Norfolk County, discussed the preservation, collection and processing of digital evidence and online activity that is increasingly part of sexual assault prosecutions. Steph Trilling, Manager of Community Engagement at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center also presented on what BARCC can offer victims.

“We continue to push the important resources and talented staff available at the NAC into our communities, our schools – anywhere we feel we can make a difference,” District Attorney Morrissey said.