



**TRI-TOWN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

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**BROWN BAG SERIES 2005-2006**

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**Place: 1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston**

***Greetings:***

***I am happy to once again present to you the Brown Bag Series. The Series is sponsored by the Department of Education, Training & Employment. This year's series has PARENTING as its focus. You are welcome to partake in all of the workshops. We look forward to your participation.***

***Joe Neri, M.Ed.  
Director  
Education, Training & Employment***

**NOTE: All sessions (unless noted) will be held in ROOM 206.**

Thursday, April 27

11 AM

Topic:

Childhood Sexual Abuse

This workshop will provide first-hand knowledge of the obstacles people face when they or a family member has been sexually violated. Parents will be given a suggested approach on how to discuss this delicate topic with their children. The ultimate goal of the program will show adults how children can be educated on this topic so that they will not fall prey to a sexual offender.

Presenter:

Claire Silva,  
Executive Director of the YWCA of Greater RI  
Consultant for Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

## Claire Silva

Claire has worked in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, providing substance abuse and violence prevention since 1991. She is currently the Executive Director of the YWCA of Greater RI and a consultant for the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention. Her expertise has been developing and implementing programs for minority and low-income children and their families. Throughout her career, she has witnessed the strong link between children who were sexually assaulted and their lifelong battle of self medicating through drugs and alcohol. Through her own family's trauma, Claire hopes that people can learn about sexual abuse of children and how to prevent the crime.

She is the author of the book entitled **A CHILD'S HEART SPEAKS: SURVIVING SEXUAL ABUSE** (only available at <http://www.claireilva.com>).