

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

CONTACT: KRISTEN WESTMORELAND, BAY TEAM PROGRAM MANAGER

TEL: 247-1900 x 346

### **ALCOHOL TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE BAY TEAM**

BARRINGTON – Barrington’s servers and sellers of alcohol recently completed local training as part of the Town’s efforts to encourage safe alcohol sales. The program, required by town ordinance, is delivered by The BAY Team, Barrington’s Prevention Coalition.

Approximately 90 employees, owners, and managers of local food and beverage establishments completed the training which included presentations by Police Chief John LaCross and Dr. Diane Block. Dena Davis (ACTion Performance and Leadership) and Brian Trahan of LEVEL5 Consulting Group acted out scenarios wait staff might encounter and coached attendees in effective communication techniques while managers and owners brainstormed effective policies. The sessions ended with an emotional account of a fatal accident that occurred when a driver was overserved alcohol in an incident that affected a local resident.

“It’s great to see how this training has encouraged local restaurants and liquor stores to join forces and work towards a safer community,” said Claudia Gordon, longtime BAY Team member and Policy Chairperson. In fact, employees of some restaurants are so supportive of the training they will be helping the BAY Team create next year’s program.

“We want this to be a program that provides the latest information and training our

servers and sellers need most. What better way to do that than to include them in the process,” notes Kristen Westmoreland, Outcomes Director for the BAY Team.

The State of RI requires basic server training every three years for establishments that serve alcohol. There is no state required training for liquor stores. Barrington’s training is unique in that it serves all liquor license classes, including liquor stores. For more information on BAY Team efforts to prevent substance abuse, visit [www.thebayteam.org](http://www.thebayteam.org).

#####