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## **OPEN ARMS TO HOST ‘INVESTIGATING SEX CRIMES’ TRAINING**

FINDLAY, Ohio (3/11/2009) – Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services welcomes Gordon Goodrow, a senior detective with the Lower Paxton Police Department in Harrisburg, Pa. Goodrow will present “Investigating Sex Crimes,” training for law enforcement, prosecutors, medical personnel, advocates and other professionals on March 30 and 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Family Center.

Last month, Open Arms reported a 30% increase in the number of sexual assaults handled by the county’s Sexual Assault Response Team through the Blanchard Valley Emergency Department in 2008. A community task force is in place to address this issue, and Open Arms offers Goodrow’s training to further educate professionals working with victims and offenders of sex crimes.

The training is a one day training. The curriculum is being repeated a second day to allow agencies to stagger personnel schedules and allow more officers to attend. The Hancock County ADAMHS Board has underwritten the training so that the cost is free to professionals serving Hancock County and only \$10 to out of county professionals. CEU’s and CNE’s will be provided. CLE’s are pending.

Goodrow has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years and as a detective is specially trained in sexual assault investigations, child pornography, child abuse, interview and interrogation, and homicide. He is a frequent trainer and has presented at statewide conferences. For more information about the “Investigating Sex Crimes” training, call Open Arms at 419-420-9261.

Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis services is a nonprofit agency supported in part by the Hancock County United Way. Open Arms provides six program services to those living and

working in the greater Hancock County community. The six programs include Rape Crisis Services, Child Advocacy, Violence Recovery Project, Outreach Services, the Harmony House Visitation & Exchange program, and Emergency Shelter Services. The 24-hour Crisis Hotline is 419-422-4766. Join us at our blog at [openarmsfindlay.blogspot.com](http://openarmsfindlay.blogspot.com) for updates on our everyday life here at Open Arms.

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