

Subject: NECYSC Statement regarding recent events in surrounding communities

NECYSC cherishes our great community and is reaching out to express our love and support for all of you. We are aware of sexual assault allegations that have been made in surrounding communities. We condemn these actions and support the survivors. For 35 years, NECYSC has worked to proactively protect and support our community through training staff, enforcing staff Code of Conduct and handbook policies, and running state required background checks, among other preventative measures. We will continue these policies and build upon them to ensure the safety of our community.

In addition to current policies and procedures in place, NECYSC is taking the following steps to further educate and keep our community safe:

- To enhance All Staff Training for Head Counselors/Counselors/RAs/CITs
- To provide Mental Health workshop in ON/EA program
- To provide Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention workshops in EA program

Please refer to the following resources:

- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact NECYSC Directors at <u>director@necysc.org</u> and/or the Head Counselor Team at headcounselors@necysc.org.

Best,

Head Counselor Team