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The District 7 State Attorney's Office is partnering with the Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County, Inc. to present the first public symposium geared toward anyone who deals with families.

This free event called "A Brighter Future: Healthy Families, Community Support & Safety" is open to the public and will take place on Friday April 4, 2014 at Bethune-Cookman University's Center for Civic Engagement in the President's Banquet Room. The room can accommodate 400 people, so those interested need to register early. The event is from 9:00am to 4:00pm with a free lunch provided.

The sessions will apply to a broad spectrum of people including, parents, grandparents, teachers, social service employees, college students, elected officials and anyone interested in helping develop a healthy community through healthy families.

The full day educational event features multiple seminars. Topics will include timely topics that apply to families in today's society, such as, "Computers- are your children safe" and "Civil Aspects of Family Law" focusing on pro-se divorces, injunctions, domestic violence and aggressive teens.

The keynote speaker is Deb Cheslow, an author, international speaker and trainer. Cheslow holds a degree in aerospace and ocean engineering. She is a mother of two, has a fourth degree black belt, and she was an air force pilot instructor.

Throughout the day, there will be a variety of fun activities in between the eight informative sessions. The day will wrap up with a panel discussion and questions and comments. Florida Hospital Memorial and Volusia County Sheriff's Department are sponsoring this inaugural event.

For more information and to register for this free event call 386-239-7710 ext. 14740 or email [simonsenm@sao7.org](mailto:simonsenm@sao7.org). Interested people need to register by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

To learn more about Domestic Abuse Council go to [www.domesticabusecouncil.com](http://www.domesticabusecouncil.com). The Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-500-1119.

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