

Empowering Female Trauma Victims Key To Turning Their Lives Around

Professionals working with battered women and other female trauma victims were urged to provide them not just with psychological counseling, but the information and resources they need to help regain control of their lives.

During a conference in Sayreville sponsored by New Community's Family Service Bureau of Newark, therapists and counselors heard speaker after speaker stress that these victims aren't always capable of articulating their experiences.

"They may not even think they are being victimized because they don't have a big, giant shiner," said Cynthia Lischick, a cognitive development psychologist affiliated with both Rutgers-Newark and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health, also in Newark.

She stressed that t