

40 Participated in Successful Server Training in North County

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The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition recently held a server training session in North County. Thanks to Bounti-Fare Restaurant for providing a space for the training and thanks to Mike Deep, Deep Associates Insurance Agency, for speaking about changes in liability for liquor establishments.

Dan Zunitch, a certified TIPS trainer with Business Point Systems, instructed the session for on-premise establishments (bars and restaurants). Zunitch reacts by saying "it is wonderful to see the level of commitment to alcohol safety on the part of our local businesses. The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition made TIPS Training accessible to establishments and individuals who might not have otherwise been able to participate."

The training session was free to attendees, made possible by the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, operating with a grant from the Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services. All liquor establishments in North County were encouraged to participate, and 40 participants took advantage of this opportunity.

Training for owners and managers of liquor establishments is planned for late summer and another training for servers is scheduled for November.

The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition is home to Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol with two strategy teams in North County - Adams Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol and Mt. Greylock Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol. The strategy teams meet monthly to address the issue of reducing underage drinking in our communities. For more information, please contact Lois Daunis at the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, 663-7588.