

**IMPACT OF THE MATTHEW SHEPARD AND JAMES BYRD HATE CRIMES
PREVENTION ACT—AN EXPANSION OF THE 1969 HATE CRIMES ACT
NOW INCLUDES GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND DISABILITY**

DISTINGUISHED PANEL:

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Topics Include: What is the definition of bias and hate incidents and crimes? Who is protected under Federal and State laws? What are the roles and responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General, District Attorney and local law enforcement? What resources are available for victims/targets of bias and hate?

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

8:00—9:30 AM

YWCA of Central Massachusetts, Board Room

One Salem Square, Worcester

Light Breakfast

Free Program; Reservation Required. Contact Fran Manocchio, Director,
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