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**PRESS RELEASE**



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The Ministry of Public Service, Consumer Affairs and Sports would be conducting a one (1) day training exercise for EAP Counsellors, as part of the Ministry's project to establish an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) within the Public Service of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The one (1) day exercise, which takes the form of a retreat, the first in a series of training for the Counsellors will be held on Friday, 3 December, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Hotel Alexandrina.

The Employee Assistance Programme is a work-based intervention programme designed to assist Public Service employees in resolving personal problems that may be adversely affecting their performance on the job. The programme which is delivered at no cost to employees is intended to address the following:

- Reduce the occurrence of low productivity and absenteeism;
- Improve employees' work-life balance;
- Create an avenue for employees to maintain their mental health and well-being AND
- Strengthen institutional arrangements.

The EAP is expected to commence operations in the first quarter of 2022.