



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**TIPS**  
**(Training for Intervention ProcedureS)**

The National Drug Council (NDC) in an effort to address the continuing community concerns of; **Driving Under the Influence (DUI's), increased levels of intoxication, underage drinking and increased incidents of violence under the influence**, have recently proposed that bartenders and managers of liquor licensed establishments be "TIPS" (Training for Intervention ProcedureS) trained, certified and registered by the National drug Council. The goal of the TIPS Program is to establish acceptable standards of practice for serving and selling alcohol beverages.

With the growing concerns of the social impacts of drug and alcohol abuse in our community, the NDC is gearing up to train all bartenders throughout the Cayman Islands. This training will provide for all those persons who are working in this service industry, to have a greater level of social responsibility.

The "Next Level" has shown its willingness and interest in this initiative by leading the industry in participating in this training with the NDC. Executive Director of the NDC Joan West-Dacres states "I am extremely pleased that the Next Level is recognizing the importance of such a process and their participation is a sign that businesses in this area are socially aware and accepting their role in our community as partners. I look forward to the continued support from establishments in the Cayman Islands."

The Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) has also expressed its support of the "TIPS" program and is encouraging all licensees and night club/ restaurant/ bar personnel to be licensed. Mrs. West-Dacres states "I am grateful and enthused that the LLB is on-board with this initiative and acknowledges the significance of such a proposal."

The training will be offered in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac with Spanish training also being provided.

For more information and costs on TIPS training, please call the NDC at Tel. 949-9000, Fax. 949-6264 or e-mail: [info@ndc.ky](mailto:info@ndc.ky)