

October is ...  Domestic Violence
Awareness Month



Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS) DVAM 2023 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Sep 29th 3:00 p.m. EST	National Call for Unity 2023: Heal, Hold, and Center (National Resource Center of Domestic Violence -NRCDV) 	Register
Oct 1st	First day of DVAM 2023 <p>Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) has traditionally been observed in October since 1987. DVAM is a time for advocates, survivors, their loved ones, and the community to come together to mourn those whose lives have been lost to domestic violence, celebrate the accomplishments to end and prevent further violence, and connect with others in the movement to end domestic violence.</p>	More Info

Reclaiming the Sacredness of Tribal Women: Honoring the Words of Tillie Black Bear

[Register](#)

Oct 2nd

**9:00am
EST**



Known as the Grandmother of the movement to end violence against Indigenous women, Tillie Black Bear (Sicangu Lakota) was the first Indigenous woman to testify before Congress to bring awareness to the disproportionate rates of violence Indigenous women face. Tillie's efforts have increased awareness and understanding of violence against Indigenous women, resulting in significant accomplishments at the Tribal, state, and federal levels. In honor of Tillie's steadfast leadership and advocacy, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) has celebrated Tillie Black Bear Women Are Sacred Day each October 1 since 2018.

Join NIWRC on October 2, 2023, for a Tillie Black Bear Women Are Sacred Day virtual webinar. Our speakers will use Tillie's words and body of work to illustrate how her legacy continues to inspire the movement to end violence against Indigenous women.

We will also have an opportunity to break out into "Zoom Rooms" so those new to advocacy can meet with those who have been doing this work for decades and discuss how we can all honor Tillie as the present and future of this movement.

Oct 9th Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Is it DV or SA? Does it Matter?

[Register](#)

2:00pm

**3:30pm
EST**



According to the 2015 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, over 1 in 3 women have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Yet, IPSV often goes unrecognized due to misconceptions about consent and the limited understanding of what constitutes domestic violence or sexual assault.

In this webinar, NAPIESV will delve into this crucial issue, revealing the interconnectedness of physical and sexual abuse within

intimate relationships. Victims enduring both forms of abuse are at a heightened risk of severe harm, emphasizing the urgency of addressing IPSV.

Oct 11th Love, Arranged and Preyed On

[Register](#)

12:00pm

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**1:30pm
EST**



In this webinar, Monsoon delves into different kinds of marital unions in Asian and Pacific Islander communities and related rates of spousal violence.

If accommodations are required, please email Monsoon at contact@monsooniowa.org.

Oct 11th 24th Annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day (HCADV Day) (Futures without Violence)

[Register](#)

1:00p.m.

EST

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day: Building Partnerships to Support Survivors



Experiencing intimate partner violence can have long lasting health consequences. At the same time, survivors are often prevented from accessing health care by the person harming them. Domestic violence programs can play an important role in connecting survivors to health care as one strategy to support their healing, wellness, and autonomy. This year's Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day webinar will feature a panel of local domestic violence programs, state coalitions, and national resource centers that participated in the Survivor Health Connections Innovation Lab, funded by the Office of Family Violence Prevention Services.

As a result of attending this webinar, participants will be better able to:

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1. Describe the role domestic violence programs can have in addressing the health needs of survivors
 2. Access at least two tools their organization can utilize to formalize a partnership with a health provider/program
 3. Identify at least one health policy opportunity to increase health access for survivors.

ASL and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

Transitional and Online Advocacy

[Register](#)



Oct 11th
2:00pm EST

In this webinar, NAPIESV will examine the importance of transnational and online advocacy networks in supporting victims of sexual assault. We will discuss “digital natives”—young people who have grown up with technology integrated into their lives—and how advocacy can utilize technology to support those who suffer from sexual assault trauma.

NRCDV’s Safe Housing Capacity Center Policy & Research Briefing (NRCDV)

Link coming soon!

Oct 11th

2:00pm



4:30p.m. EST

Commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence is presenting is biannual Policy & Research Briefing. Features and presentations will be forthcoming. The Briefing will conclude with a policy overview.

Oct 13th
12:00pm EST

Coffee & Conversation

[Register](#)

Pregnant and Surviving: Maternal Health in the Black Community



Join Ujima Inc., during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) as they host a conversation centered on the unique

experiences of Black birthing people. They will discuss the intersections of domestic violence and birthing, as well as ways to better support Black pregnant survivors.

[Register](#)

Oct 18th **Reclaiming Women’s and Survivors’ Voices to Re-center
9:00am** **Indigenous Advocacy**
EST



Indigenous advocacy leadership to end intimate partner violence is reaffirmed during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Indigenous cultures recognize the power, leadership, and expertise of women. Additionally, the leadership and expertise of survivors to end intimate partner violence need to be reaffirmed. This panel of elder indigenous advocates will discuss how women’s and survivors’ voices are necessary for guiding policy and the development of programs. Daily program practices should reflect the experiences of women and survivors. This conversation also addresses questions about forums for teaching, learning, and sharing. Is there an opportunity for teaching in programs and shelters? How do we do meaningful inclusive work? Please join us for this thought-provoking webinar.

Oct 19th **Purple Thursday National Domestic Violence Awareness Day** — [Register](#)
All Day national event organized by the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

In Honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Supporting Survivors at the Intersections of Mental Health and Substance Use (NCDVTMH) [Register](#)

Oct 19th
3:00
p.m.
EST



Being abused by an intimate partner can have traumatic mental health and substance use effects, while at the same time creating barriers to sources of safety and support. Advocates and survivors have shared how existing behavioral health (i.e., mental health and/or substance use) resources are often hard to access and not

responsive to the unique realities faced by survivors and their families.

The National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health has been developing a suite of resources in response to feedback from survivors, advocates, and others in the field who participated in listening sessions or a survey in late 2022. This webinar will share new and forthcoming tools to support survivors, advocates, behavioral health providers, and organizations in talking about mental health and substance use coercion, identifying resources, building cross-referrals, supporting collaboration, and increasing safe access to affirming services.

This session is part of the Survivor Health Connections Consortium, which is a project in partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Futures Without Violence; and is supported by Grant #90EV0530 from the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services.

Oct 21st NIWRC will be participating in CSVANW's 8th Annual I Will Run for Them 5K Walk/Run

[Register](#)



October is domestic violence awareness month. We know that running is healing. Movement is medicine. 4 out of 5 Native Women will experience violence in her life...this is not just a statistic; it is our mothers, sisters, and daughters. Our communities are experiencing an imbalance, and we need space to heal so that we honor the beauty of her resiliency.

Our annual #IWillRunForThem event was established in 2016 as a way for the community to come together and dedicate a run to those affected by domestic and sexual violence. We hold space every October in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month to promoting healing and wellness through running. This event is free to the public.

Oct
22nd —
25th

The 2023 National Conference on Domestic Violence:

[More Info](#)

Every Survivor. Every Voice. Building Power Together at The Mayflower Hotel - Washington, D.C. hosted by NCADV and The Hotline

Project Opal is the joining together of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). By joining together, we can grow our missions, reach more survivors by maximizing resources, modernize our programs and services, and leverage the talent of our two phenomenal teams. We are committed to this conference remaining the preeminent international leader in convening survivors, advocates, other experts in the domestic violence field, and key stakeholders to further our work to end domestic violence once and for all.

Oct 25th
9:00am
EST

(REWATCH) Webinar: Understanding the Dynamics and Tactics of Intimate Partner Violence through the Lens of Indigenous Survivors

[Register](#)



Advocacy for survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) requires an understanding of the dynamics and tactics of IPV. This understanding is also necessary for advocacy for social change to end domestic violence. This webinar will provide an overview of the root causes of domestic violence in Indigenous communities. It will also explain the dynamics and tactics of IPV from a survivor's perspective. Highlighted in this webinar is the importance of traditional, cultural practices in strengthening and building our capacity to provide effective, respectful advocacy with our relatives surviving IPV and other forms of domestic violence. It is our goal to bring light to the experiences of survivors and clarify the priorities and role of advocates from an Indigenous, grassroots standpoint. The Training and Technical Assistance Team will also be live in the chat and Q&A at the end of the pre-webinar recording.

Oct
25th
3:00pm
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4:00pm
EST

Wellness in Every Way Series: aLoveoFit with Lynea Woody

[Register](#)



Join Ujima Inc., as they host their monthly wellness session with Lynea Woody.

Oct
25th
7:00pm

The Cookout: In-person Paint Night at Muse Paint Bar (DC)



The National Center on Violence Against
Women in the Black Community

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9:30pm
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Join Ujima Inc., as they host a Cookout for Black advocates in the field during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM.) During this in-person event, they will hold space for artistic expressions of Black joy as a way to promote artistic wellness and healing for Black advocates.

Oct
27th
2:00pm
EST

Wellness in Every Way Series: Virtual Healing Circle



The National Center on Violence Against
Women in the Black Community

[Register](#)

Join Ujima Inc., as they host their monthly wellness session during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM.) During this session, they will discuss health and healing practices and will close out the session with a guided meditation.

TBD

Bridges to Better: Groundwork for Building Survivor-Centered Systems (Promising Futures)

Registration



coming
soon

Bridges to Better: Groundwork for Building Survivor-Centered Systems is a collaborative approach to designing child welfare systems, dependency courts, and community based programs that are responsive to the needs and experiences of survivors of domestic violence and co-occurring child maltreatment. It builds on more than 30 years of work by child welfare and DV practitioners and policymakers, and the lived experiences of adult and child survivors of DV and of people who have used violence. Bridges to Better reflects the best of what we know from practice, research, and 21st century science on human development, trauma, and resilience.

Created for child welfare professionals, DV service providers, community partners, legal professionals, policymakers, and researchers, the Bridges to Better website offers practice and policy guidance, training and coaching resources, learning materials, and other essential resources that can help us actualize systems change and create broad networks that promote well-being and healing for children and their families.

**Oct 12, 16,
19, 26**

Black Women's Webinar Series During DVAM

**11-12:30 &
3-4:30pm
EST**



The National Center on Violence Against
Women in the Black Community

Join Ujima Inc., for their Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) Mini Webinar Series. This series will highlight the intersections of Black women's identities and experiences with violence and what those intersectional realities mean for a liberatory experience. They will end the sessions with a closing, concentrated on sustainability/Moving the work ahead, a call to action, and self-care.

We will delve into what liberation for Black women would look like related to the following topics:

- Health
- LGBTQIA+ Survivor Specific
- Trauma, Healing, and Promising Practices
- Cultural Liberation

Thursday, October 12, 2023

11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3PSYyQ6>

3:00 pm - 4:40 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/45bxwbg>

Thursday, October 16, 2023

11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3PTPWJc>

3:00 pm - 4:40 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3t7Z4AV>

Thursday, October 19, 2023

11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3tbZjuM>

3:00 pm - 4:40 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3PzoEXc>

Thursday, October 26, 2023

11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3RC8f6K>

3:00 pm - 4:40 pm ET: <https://bit.ly/3PTbcPd>

#HealHoldCenter Action Guide: Inspiring Action Through a Unified Message (NRCDV)

[Link](#)

Topics like survivor justice, healing communities, holding space for survivors, and ways to center the voices of the most marginalized communities can be difficult to talk about. That's why we created an action guide that helps you incorporate these difficult topics into your work and messaging for DVAM. The #HealHoldCenter Action guide is a springboard from the #1Thing Action guide.

Universal Prayer: A Moment of Silence (NRCDV)

[Link](#)



The Domestic Violence Awareness Project's Universal Prayer offers a message of healing and hope during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and beyond. Updated for DVAM 2023, the video offers an inspiring reading of the prayer across several languages and cultural traditions, capturing the voice and spirit of the message for use at awareness events, trainings, and as part of multimedia campaigns.

**New
resource**

DVAP's Awareness Highlights Blog: Heal, Hold, and Center

[Blog](#)



NRCDV's DVAM Awareness Highlights blog post features activities and resources from the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP) that explore what it means to "Heal, Hold, and Center" survivors of domestic violence, especially those most marginalized through our shared commitment to *No Survivor Justice Without Racial Justice*.

**Coming
Soon**

The PIVOT Towards Promising Futures podcast (*2 new episodes*) (Promising Futures)

[Podcasts](#)



PIVOT Towards Promising Futures is a podcast for activists and advocates who work in the field of gender-based violence. Episodes examine our work over the decades — where we have fallen short and in some cases been harmful to families — and explore what it takes to slow down, reassess and pivot in a new direction. What pivots are needed to create a future where families are not surveilled and separated, where communities are resourced and parents and caregivers get what they really need? In two new episodes, our host, Wendy Mota, talks with Noemi Gonzalez-Rocha & Liliana Herrera about language justice in violence prevention work, and Juan Carlos Areán about working people who use violence.

- *Episode on Language Justice*
- *Episode on Fatherhood and Working with People Who Use Violence*

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Proclamation Signing



In consultation with North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Chair of the Domestic Violence Commission, CFWYI submitted to Department of Administration (DOA) Communications Division a proposed DVAM proclamation for the Governor's signature. They also submitted a proposed press release about DVAM to DOA communications.

[News](#)

A series of proposed social media posts for DOA communications to share throughout the month of October.

There is more information available on FVPSA, FVPSA success stories

podcasts and grantee successes located on the OFVPS website:

[Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)

and the links below:

- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 1](#) (MP3 — 16,882.81 KB)
([Transcript](#) (PDF — 97.36 KB))
- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 2](#) (MP3 — 18,511.45 KB)
([Transcript](#) (PDF — 366.60 KB))
- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 3](#) (MP3 — 25,205.05 KB)
([Transcript](#) (PDF — 111.18 KB))
- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 4](#) (MP3 — 22,883.44 KB)
([Transcript](#) (DOCX — 23.51 KB))
- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 5](#) (MP3 — 22,044.45 KB)
([Transcript](#) (PDF — 24.17 KB))
- [FVPSA Success Stories Ep. 6](#) (MP3 — 25,348.92 KB)
([Transcript](#) (DOCX — 25.68 KB))
- [Success Stories Ep. 7 Transcript](#)
- [Success Stories Ep. 8 Transcript \(DOCX\)](#)
- Meet the new FVPSA Sexual Assault Technical Assistance Providers
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/ofvps/news/meet-new-fvpsa-sexual-assault-technical-assistance-providers>
- The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, in partnership with the National Organization of Asians & Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence, Award over \$10M in Grants to Support Asian American and Pacific Islander Survivors and their Children:
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/ofvps/asian-pacific-institute-gender-based-violence-partnership-national-organization>
- The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center Awards \$4.95 million in Grants for Culturally Specific Supports for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/national-indigenous-womens-resource-center-awards-495-million-grants-culturally-specific>
- \$10.4M Awarded to Culturally-Specific Organizations to Address Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/104m-awarded-culturally-specific-organizations-address-domestic-violence-and-sexual>

- Esperanza United, with support from Mujeres Latinas en Acción, Announces Nearly \$12 Million in Historic Funds to go to Hispanic and Latin@ Culturally Specific Community-Based Organizations Providing Domestic or Sexual Assault Services

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/esperanza-united-support-mujeres-latinas-en-accion-announces-nearly-12-million-historic>

- FVSPA Funds New Native Hawaiian Resource Center on Domestic Violence <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps/news/ofvps/news/fvspa-funds-new-native-hawaiian-resource-center-domestic-violence>