

# OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

As part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program joins with its grantees and federal partners to offer a wide range of educational events and activities. We invite you to join us in building awareness and taking action around ending domestic violence. See details for our 2016 DVAM initiative below. [Click here to view the full DVAM calendar.](#)

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH YOUTUBE COMPETITION

Video submission starts on **October 12th, 12:00am EST** and closes **November 2nd, 11:59pm EST**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA Program) is excited to announce its first Domestic Violence Awareness Month YouTube Competition.



Our goal is to highlight innovative and accessible practices, policies, and programs/spaces for survivors. Help us spark innovation by uploading your video and sharing what you think children and teens need to have violence free lives.

Learn more: <https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/domestic-violence-video-challenge/>

The winners of the YouTube Competition will receive the following:

- **1st Place \$5,000**
- **2nd Place \$3,000**
- **3rd Place \$2,000**

## AWARENESS - #ThisIsDV Campaign

**Throughout October:** Recognizing domestic violence is critical if we are to take action to address and prevent it. The #ThisIsDV campaign elevates the voices of survivors to help validate and name their experiences and raise awareness about the multifaceted nature of domestic violence.

Follow @NationalDVAM and join the conversation on Twitter and Facebook at #DVAM2016 #ThisIsDV

## ACTION - National Call of Unity: Healing the Heart of the Movement

**Tuesday, October 4th, 3:00pm-3:45pm EST**

Join us in lifting up resiliency and wellness as a transformative response to violence and trauma as we shed light on the pain that continues to exist in our communities and how this pain permeates our work.

Dial (877) 594-8353, passcode 924-42-288# to join the call



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**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** free and confidential help is available for victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day, including holidays. 1-800-799-7233; TTY 1-800-787-3224

## **AWARENESS - #WhyICare Campaign & Twitter Chat**

**Tuesday, October 18th, 3:00pm EST**

Our movement to end domestic violence is rooted in social justice and fueled by passion. What does the movement mean to you? Share your inspiration at #WhyICare, and join the #WhyICare Twitter Chat to help us honor our history, discover our present, and explore our future with renewed passion.

Follow @NationalDVAM and join the conversation on Twitter at #DVAM2016 #WhyICare

## **Integrating Financial Capability Services into Existing Programs for Survivors**

**Tuesday, October 26th, 3:30pm-4:30pm EST**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA Program) and the Assets for Independence (AFI) program are pleased to invite you to a webinar on integrating financial capability services into existing programs for survivors.

Register for this webinar: <https://hhs.adobeconnect.com/integrating/event/registration.html>

Help us spread awareness by using this filter [download here](#)



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**National Resource Center on Domestic Violence**

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center**

**Battered Women's Justice Project Criminal and Civil Justice Center**

**Battered Women's Justice Project National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women**

**National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence**

**National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health**

**Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody**

**Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Gender Based Violence**

**Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network of Healthy Families and Communities**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

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