



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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Executive Director's Desk

National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15. Hispanic Heritage Week was first proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 and later expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively.

Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America - from the small outpost of San Francisco founded in 1776, through the Spanish province of Texas, to the fortress of St. Augustine, Florida, the first colonial settlement in North America, founded in 1513, 94 years before the English landed in Jamestown, Virginia.

Unfortunately, domestic violence is equal opportunity. Here are some interesting facts:

- According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Hispanics are the largest minority group in the United States. The number of Hispanics is projected to grow to 28.6% by 2060.
- The National Violence Against Women Survey found that 21% of Latinas report experiencing physical assault at some point during their lives, a slightly lower percentage than all women in the U.S.
- US-born Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans have been found to have higher rates of intimate partner violence than those that are born outside the United States.
- Differences in rates of intimate partner violence between Latinos and non-Latinos have a tendency to disappear when factors such as age, alcohol consumption, proclivity to be impulsive, and family history of violence are controlled for in the research design.

Consistently, about 25% of the people served by DVRC consider themselves Hispanic, a percent slightly higher than the percent of Hispanics living in Washington County (23%). *LATINX* is DVRC's culturally specific program to address the unique needs of the Hispanic communities in Washington County. With this program, we increase awareness of the importance culture plays in shaping one's views, attitudes, values, and understanding of the effects of domestic violence, viewed through a Hispanic lens.

—Sara Wade, Executive Director

Natural Disasters & Domestic Violence

In the wake of a natural disaster, what happens to those in danger?

In the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Irma, domestic violence survivors are put at greater risk. According to the [World Health Organization](#), natural disasters disrupt physical and social environments and increase an individuals', families', and communities' vulnerability to violence.

Disasters make it more challenging for survivors to obtain domestic violence related services, reach crisis lines, and receive help in an emergency situation. Following Hurricane Andrew in 1992, domestic violence related calls to local crisis lines went up 50 percent ([NY Times](#)). To help combat this issue during future natural disasters, domestic violence services and resources should be integrated into disaster related assistance ([Futurity](#)).



[Click here](#) for a list of organizations that are taking donations for victims of the hurricanes.

#GivingTuesday

DVRC is participating in the global giving event

#GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. In 2016, \$177 million was raised online through #GivingTuesday campaigns. This year, #GivingTuesday will take place on **November 28, 2017**, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.



Stay tuned for more information on how you can be a part of #GivingTuesday at Domestic Violence Resource Center.

Follow us on Social Media

We are active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

DVRC is working towards becoming more active in the world of social media. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to receive daily information regarding domestic violence, events in the community, and to learn more about what our organization has to offer.



Community Events

September 22, 2017 - October 22, 2017

September 22 - 24: [Oregon International Air Show](#)

September 28 - October 8: [Beaverton Restaurant Week](#)

October 7: [OrenKoFest](#)

October 21: [West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta](#)



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We work to educate, support, and empower survivors, and their children, who are affected by intimate partner violence.

