



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2017 marks the 30th anniversary

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was originally called The Day of Unity by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in 1981. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to connecting prevention advocates across the country. In 1987, the week grew into an entire month devoted to promoting awareness about domestic violence in the United States. In the month of October, you will find a multitude of activities with the shared goal of bringing together advocates, law enforcement, and survivors of domestic violence to inform communities and bring the effects of domestic and family violence out of the darkness and into the light.

The color purple can be seen in abundance during the month of October at events devoted to DVAM. Purple signifies courage, peace, and survival. Domestic violence advocates, and supporters of the cause, wear purple to honor survivors, show dedication to ending domestic violence, and to raise awareness to the prevalence of the issue.

All month long, Domestic Violence Resource Center has been participating in events devoted to DVAM. Our advocates have tabled events, given presentations, and posted on social media to bring awareness to the prevalence of domestic violence in the community.

Domestic Violence Quick Facts

A brief overview of domestic violence

- **1 in 3** women and **1 in 4** men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
- **1 in 4** women and **1 in 7** men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- In Oregon, **25%** of women and girls experience domestic violence in their lifetime.
- Women between the ages of **18-24** are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.
- **1 in 15** children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year.
- **38.1%** of Hispanic women and **26.6%** of Hispanic men have been a victim of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

EVERY MINUTE
20 PEOPLE ARE
VICTIMS OF
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.

WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ARE **EIGHT TIMES** MORE LIKELY
TO BE KILLED BY AN INTIMATE
PARTNER IF THERE ARE
FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

WORLDWIDE, MEN WHO WERE EXPOSED TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS CHILDREN ARE
THREE TO FOUR TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO PERPETRATE INTIMATE
PARTNER VIOLENCE AS ADULTS THAN MEN
WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC
ABUSE AS CHILDREN.

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES
ARE **40 PERCENT** MORE LIKELY
TO EXPERIENCE INTIMATE
PARTNER VIOLENCE
-- ESPECIALLY SEVERE VIOLENCE --
THAN WOMEN WITHOUT DISABILITIES.

- Black women experience intimate partner violence at rates **35%** higher than white women.
- **44%** of lesbian women and **26%** of gay men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. For bisexual individuals, these rates increase to **37%** of men and **61%** of women.
- **99%** of domestic violence survivors experience financial abuse.
- On a typical day, more than **20,000** phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for **15%** of all violent crime.

- The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds **\$5.8 billion.**

For more information visit: [OCADSV](#), [NCADV](#), [The Hotline](#), [CDC](#), [NNEDV](#)

I'm an advocate...

DVRC Advocates share why they became advocates



I'm an advocate because I survived and I want to help others thrive.

-Christina R., Director of Shelter Services

I'm an advocate because I want to help survivors empower themselves and I believe everyone deserves to feel safe in their relationship.

-Hayley H., Children's Residential Advocate

I'm an advocate because I like to help survivors better themselves and their lives.

-Cassidy T., Weekend Residential Advocate

I'm an advocate because I want to be of service to others.

-Sheida B., East County Co-located Community Advocate

I'm an advocate because I want to be the voice that says "you deserve better."

-Colton M., LGBTQ Community Advocate

I'm an advocate because I want to be a helpful, positive, and reliable source for survivors to work with while creating a better life for themselves.

-Emily A., Day Residential Advocate

I'm an advocate because I never had one myself.

-Apolina G., Lead Residential Advocate

I'm an advocate to offer hope to survivors of domestic violence and to let them know that they are not alone.

-Geetanjali P., SAWERA Community Advocate

I'm an advocate because I want people to know that everyone deserves to live a life free from violence and to feel supported while doing so.

-June C., Community Advocate

I'm an advocate because I know what it feels like to need a safe, responsible, and validating human in my life.

-Marissa A., Weekend Residential Advocate

I'm an advocate because I want to help be the change... because every human has the right to live without fear. I believe in futures without violence, because my mother survived, my sister survived and so did I.

-Sarah C., Community Advocacy Director

I'm an advocate because I want to help support people to better themselves, and lead a healthy, safe life for themselves and their families.

-Lisette S., LatinX Community Advocate

#DVAM2017

We are active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Domestic Violence Awareness Month has provided DVRC with an opportunity to be very active on social media. Follow the links to [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see what we have been talking about all month long. Use #DVAM, #DVAM2017 and #31DaysOfDVAM to join the conversation.



Community Events

October 27, 2017 - November 18, 2017

October 27: [Monster Bash & Splash](#)

October 28: [Pumpkin Bob](#)
[Pacific University Jazz Night](#)

October 28 - 29: [Howloween at the Zoo](#)

November 4: [83rd Annual Verboort Sausage Dinner](#)

November 13 - 18: [Every Husband's Nightmare Bazaar](#)



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support, and empower survivors, and their children, who are affected by intimate partner violence.

