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In 2011, End Domestic Abuse WI began a five-year partnership with the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health (NCDVTMH) to deepen our knowledge of trauma, its impact on victims of domestic and sexual violence, and healing responses. Along the way, we learned how trauma—the individual experience of and response to time-limited or continuous traumatic events—profoundly affects the human psyche. We learned that intergenerational or historical trauma may cause epigenetic alterations that are passed on from one generation to the next.



Trauma lingers in the souls of those who experience it, sometimes inhibiting the ability of humans to live to their fullest potential. Healing requires listening, learning, and understanding the whole human experience of each individual. It requires us to shift our view point from what is wrong with a person to understanding what happened to them, and—crucially—how we can support them to work with what is happening right now because of it.

Through our relationship with NCDVTMH, we began an ongoing process of deeply infusing trauma-informed practice into all that we do. For example, we embed trauma-informed concepts into training and we offer assistance to organizations that are transforming their practices. We also explore issues related to historical trauma, particularly with communities such as indigenous people, African Americans, immigrants and refugees who live with its profound impact. Our commitment to intervening, preventing, and ending violence requires us to promote deep levels of healing. Trauma-informed practice provides us with a roadmap for how to get there.



# Transforming Our Work: 2012-Present

In this issue of the Chronicles we reflect on trauma informed practices in Wisconsin since 2012 and celebrate the work of local domestic abuse agencies. (View a selection of Domestic Violence Awareness Month events and photos from around the state starting on page 10.)

In 2012, Domestic Abuse WI (End Abuse) became one of a handful of coalitions selected to receive ongoing technical assistance from the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH).

By this time key collaborative projects had been established, including *Wisconsin's Violence Against Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women Project*, a project of Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW), End Abuse, and Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) and the *Shift Your Perspective* educational campaign, a project of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, coordinated by Elizabeth Hudson.

On the following pages we share some of the highlights of this project. Additional information related to the development of trauma-informed approaches appears in text boxes.

—Colleen Cox, Education Coordinator

## A Practical Guide for Creating Trauma-Informed Disability, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Organizations

Developed through the Violence Against Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women Project of Wisconsin in 2011, A Practical Guide for Creating Trauma-Informed Disability, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Organizations highlights and explores effective trauma-informed conditions or core values that victims, survivors and people with disabilities find essential for safety and healing.



[The Guide](#) explores the context of these conditions to promote dialogue and understanding, and spur implementation of strategies for domestic violence, sexual assault and disability organizations to become more trauma-informed.



## Shift Your Perspective: Apply Trauma Informed Care. Empowering. Engaging. Effective.

A [brochure](#) created by the Department of Health Services (DHS) for the *Shift Your Perspective* educational campaign emphasizes that trauma informed care involves a paradigm shift, and is an ongoing process as opposed to an event or a set of steps that can be completed.

DHS notes that [trauma informed care includes three elements](#):

1. Realizing the prevalence of trauma
2. Recognizing how trauma affects individuals, and
3. Responding by putting this knowledge into practice.

Crucially, trauma informed organizations embody [parallel values](#). For example, the organization leadership encourages staff to create wellness plans that protect against vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue, and the staff assist and encourages clients with wellness plans that protect against crisis and relapse.

## Domestic Violence and Trauma Informed Care

In August 2012 the Domestic Violence and Trauma Informed Care conference brought advocates together with state and national



**Dr. Terri Pease**

leaders with expertise in trauma-informed practices, domestic abuse, disabilities and mental health. In recent years, domestic and sexual violence programs have become

increasingly aware that becoming trauma informed requires a shift in perspective that is part of each relationship and every interaction.

For most victims and survivors, “intimate partner violence occurs in the context of other lifetime trauma.” Those who help victims and survivors repeatedly experience trauma vicariously and sometimes have their own trauma histories. A parallel experience is shared by directors of programs who must respond to the needs of staff. This paradigm shift is just as important for the health of programs as it is for the recovery of survivors.

On the first day of the conference, featured presenter Dr. Terri Pease of NCDVTMH provided a foundation for understanding trauma informed practices. Elizabeth Hudson, UW-School of Medicine and Public Health Trauma Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Wisconsin Trauma Informed Care. The second day focused on how participants might infuse trauma informed practices in their day-to-day work, and featured speakers from DRW and the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), (See article by WRC Director Cherie Griffin on page 8.)

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# 2012

## Paving the Way: Trauma Informed Practice in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Movement

The fall 2012 issue of the Coalition Chronicles highlighted the conference and summarized trauma informed practices, research, resources, and national, state and local initiatives. Select organizations and publications featured in the fall 2012 issue are highlighted below and on the following page.

### Featured Organizations

#### **The National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health ([NCDVTMH](#))**

worked closely with End Abuse over the past five years. They provide training, support, and consultation to advocates, mental health and substance abuse providers, legal professionals, and policymakers as they work to improve agency and systems-level responses to survivors and their children. Their work is survivor defined and rooted in principles of social justice. Visit their website’s Training & Resource Center.

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services**

**Administration ([SAMHSA](#))** leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. Search “trauma informed care” on their website and easily access relevant websites, publications and other resources.

**Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)** helps people gain access to services and opportunity through its advocacy and legal expertise. DRW’s statewide Violence Against Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women Project partnered with End Abuse and others for more than a decade. DRW challenges systems and society to create positive change and improve the lives of people with disabilities and supports the right of each person to live in dignity, to work and to attend school in the mainstream of society. DRW also works on disability issues with state and local governments.

## The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study

The National Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published the findings of their [Adverse Childhood Experiences Study \(ACES\)](#) in 2012.

The survey measures 10 types of childhood trauma; five are personal: physical abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, and emotional neglect; five are related to other family members: a parent who's an alcoholic, a mother who's a victim of domestic violence, a family member in jail, a family member diagnosed with a mental illness, and the disappearance of a parent through divorce, death or abandonment.<sup>1</sup>

It also found that two thirds of the 17,000 people in the ACE Study had an ACE score of at least one — 87 percent of those had more than one. Eighteen states have done their own ACE surveys; their results are similar to the CDC's ACE Study.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>"Got Your ACE Score?" ACEs Too High. 2015. Accessed December 18, 2016. <https://acestoohigh.com/got-your-ace-score/>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

# 2012

## Historical Trauma and Microaggressions: A Framework for Culturally-Based Practice

*"Historic and current traumatic assaults have enduring consequences – environmentally, socially, culturally, emotionally, biologically, psychologically and, above all, spiritually for both indigenous peoples and their perpetrators"*\*

About thirty percent of American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN) in the United States are children. This is a higher percentage than other ethnic groups, and these children are also overrepresented in child welfare systems. [Historical Trauma and Microaggressions](#), published by the University of Minnesota, suggests that to understand the health and experiences of AIAN people in general, and AIAN children within the child welfare system in particular, it is critical to understand historical trauma and its effect on populations of people over generations of time. The authors point out that these children are also exposed to overt and covert *contemporary* violence in their everyday lives, and further provide examples of micro-aggressions that are regularly enacted against them. Finally, they outline specific decolonizing practice competencies that may help guide providers working with children and families, taken from the article "Catching our Breath: A Decolonizing Framework for Healing Indigenous Families."

\*Evans-Campbell, T., & Walters, K. L. (2006). *Catching our breath: A decolonization framework for healing indigenous families*. In Rowena Fong, Ruth McRoy, & Carmen Ortiz Hendricks (Eds.) *Intersecting Child Welfare, Substance Abuse, and Family Violence: Culturally Competent Approaches*. Alexandria, VA, CSWE Publications. (pp. 266-292).

## Real Tools: Responding to Multi-Abuse Trauma – A Tool Kit to Help Advocates and Community Partners Better Serve People With Multiple Issues

The "Real Tools" products (now available as a "[click and print](#)" web edition) provide a support group manual and training tools for advocates and other professionals working with women who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse and other trauma. The creation of this great tool kit was a three year effort on the part of the late Patti Bland and her co-author Debi Edmund of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.



## Services for Children and Youth: Creating Trauma-Informed Support for Families in WI DV Programs

In February 2013, **Susan Blumenfeld**, National Center on Domestic Violence Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH) Child Trauma Training Director presented this 90-minute webinar to Wisconsin

domestic abuse agency directors and advocates. It provided a framework for building a trauma informed approach to meeting the



**Susan Blumenfeld,  
MSW, LCSW**

needs of children, youth and families exposed to domestic violence, including practical strategies for working with families to enhance children's resilience and support mother-child relationships to foster healing from the traumatic effects of experiencing domestic violence.

Listen and view the [recorded webinar](#). View NCDVTMH's related tip sheet, [Tips for Supporting Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence: What You Might See and What You Can Do](#).

Susan presented the workshop, **Engaging Survivors in Sensitive Conversations about their Children & Parenting after Experiencing Domestic Violence** at the **Transform the Conversation** statewide conference in November 2013. In 2016, the [Guide for Engaging and Supporting Parents Affected by Domestic Violence](#) was published. (See description, right.)

# 2013

## Transform the Conversation: Explore. Expand. Create.

The November 2013 statewide conference was co-sponsored by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and American Indians Against Abuse. The conference offered numerous workshops related to trauma informed practices. A selection of workshops and related resources are listed below and on the next page.

## Guide for Engaging & Supporting Parents Affected by Domestic Violence: Enhancing Parenting Capacity & Strengthening Parent-Child Bonds

This resource is designed for staff in domestic violence programs and provides practical guidance for supporting parents affected by domestic violence in their parenting. Using core principles and strategies, the guide helps frame an approach that is aimed at enhancing parenting capacities and strengthening parent-child bonds. Through self-guided questions, reflection, and real-life examples, this guide offers a pathway for deepening our engagement with parents and holding sensitive conversations in the context of our relationships. This guide was written by Susan Blumenfeld, with assistance from other NCDVTMH staff and input from Ann Brickson, formerly with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, and from colleagues working at domestic violence programs in Wisconsin.

# 2013 Conference Workshops and Related Resources



## 1. Women Veterans and Trauma

The recorded webinar, [Women Veterans and Trauma](#), addresses the multitude of issues affecting women veterans and provides recommendations for how to provide the type of support, advocacy, and trauma-informed intervention that is most helpful. It focuses on how the trauma of victimization intersects with the trauma of combat exposure and what that means for recovery and healing. Glenna Tinney recently retired as the Battered Women's Justice Project Military Advocacy Program Coordinator.

1. Women Veterans and Trauma, Glenna Tinney, Battered Women's Justice Project
2. Why, What, and How of Trauma Informed Care with Male Batterers, Terri Strodthoff, Jojopah Maria Nsoroma, and Floyd Rowell, Alma Center
3. Creating Safety: Six Questions Worth Asking About Her/His Point of View, Mark Sweet, Disability Rights WI

*In the Spring 2014 issue of the Coalition Chronicles, [Continuing the Conversation](#), participants reflected on their experiences at the conference.*

## 2. The Alma Center

[The Alma Center](#) takes the radical step of treating abusive men like human beings – like imperfect people, as we all are, who have been hurt themselves and have consequently hurt others, but who are capable of profound and brilliant transformation. Compelling new cross-disciplinary research demonstrates that adult trauma debility can be healed and resolved through accessible evidence-based intervention strategies. The Alma Center is successful. Completion of their Men Ending Violence Program reduces domestic violence recidivism by 86%. View a video spotlighting the Alma Center program, [Wisdom Walk to Self-Mastery](#).

## 3. [Creating Safety by Asking What Makes People](#)

[Vulnerable?](#) discusses the "culture of compliance" reinforced by those who support persons with disabilities, and asks readers to consider

intriguing questions that explore how safety might be increased by asking what makes people vulnerable. We are invited to become curious about the point of view of a person with disabilities, to consider ways to bring mindfulness into support relationships, and to support thinking and assertiveness, rather than compliance, as a path to decreased vulnerability and greater safety.



2014-2015

Diane Wolff and Amy Judy (formerly of Disability Rights WI, and currently with the Vera Institute of Justice) provided on-site training upon request to local programs and regionally, focusing on multi-abuse trauma, substance use, and mental health, during 2014 and 2015.

Each of 5 Regional **Days of Networking** throughout 2014 included workshops on different aspects of trauma informed practice. Ongoing work also included assistance and training by Diane Wolff and CJ Doxtater that incorporated trauma sensitive approaches and explored historical trauma, substance use, secondary trauma, and vicarious trauma. **Semi-annual directors meetings** included sessions focused on many aspects of trauma informed practices.

In April and May of 2014, the **DV & Substance Abuse: Question & Answer Sessions with Directors** was held, provided by the late Patti Bland (NCDVTMH) via several conference calls facilitated by Diane Wolff.

## Emerging Issues at the Intersection of Domestic Abuse, Mental Health & Substance Use

In August 2015, **Mental Health and Emerging Issues for Advocates and Survivors** statewide trainings explored strategies to help those who have significant mental health needs find safety and social support, including Trauma Informed Legal Advocacy and Partnerships for Recovery and Healing. Presenters were Phyllis Greenberger (DRW), Maria Hanson (National Alliance on Mental Illness -NAMI-Wisconsin), Julie Denton and Stormie Derber (Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services), Diane Wolff (End Abuse), and Rachel Whote-Domain (NCDVTMH).

Coalition Chronicles explored the [Intersection of Domestic Abuse, Mental Health & Substance Use](#), featuring interviews highlighting survivor journeys and innovative strategies WI advocates employ in their work with victims:

- Journeying Together: Interview with Julie Denton
- Mental Health and Substance Use: Some Considerations for LGBTQ People
- Heroin and Other Opioids in WI, and the Roots of Addiction
- Survivor Journey: Interview with Karen Lane
- Mental Health Resources in Wisconsin
- Peer Run Recovery Programs in Wisconsin
- Wise Women Gathering Place and White Bison: Interview with Julia McLester
- Selected Resources from the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health



**Question:** *When you were going through a really hard time with symptoms of mental illness, what do you recall anyone doing that was helpful?*  
**Answer:** *What I found helpful was simply being believed. (from an interview with Karen Lane in the [Intersection of Domestic Abuse, Mental Health & Substance Use.](#))*

**Patti Bland died in December 2014. NCDVTMH shares [Honoring the Life of Patti Bland.](#)**

## “Approach with Awe”: Providing Trauma Reflective Services, The Journey Continues

—Cherie Griffin, Women’s Resource Center

Back in 2012, I wrote an article for the [Coalition Chronicles](#) about Women’s Resource Center’s journey into trauma-informed care. At the time, I acknowledged that we happened on the journey in an unplanned way. I told of the stumblings we had on the path to become a TIC-organization. I lauded the wisdom that spurred us forward coming from some of the foundational work of Ellen Pence, the forward-thinking of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and the many colleagues I shared training with who motivated me to transform our services into genuine human contact that creates healing within relationship. Many years later, I write again, a part of my being recognizing that we might still be in the first leg of our journey. It seems that with each step we take organizationally, there are other side paths that should be traveled.

Recently, while visiting the Red River Gorge in Kentucky, my husband and I decided to take a route marked by a sign to a particular look-out with an intriguing name: Chimney Top Rock. We had been traveling by Jeep through the entire forest for most of the morning and early afternoon making many stops along the way to gaze out from a lookout, or travel a short path to a beautiful view of the river or canyon or cave. Both of us had gotten hungry, both ready for a little nap. But we couldn’t resist. As we crept down the bumpy, twisting trail for minutes and more minutes and more minutes still, we both said, “Geez, I wish I had known how long this was before we started off here.” We coupled that statement with, “This sure better be worth it!” Of course it was. The trail we hiked was astonishing and the view breathtaking. We met some very friendly people. We forged a new bond in our relationship for having taken the trek together. On our drive back out, we both commented, “That was definitely worth it!” And we coupled that statement with, “But it sure would have been helpful if they told you how long the drive was.” Just as we got to the main road, I looked backward to see the sign did in fact read ‘Chimney Top Rock-5.5 miles’.

Thus is the similar experience I have had leading our organization in trauma reflective services: the twisting, the bumpy, the sometimes treacherous all encapsulated within the wonder of when we will reach our destination. As an organization, every member of the staff, board and volunteers have been trained in the basics of TIC. Annually, staff has a deeper-level training on TIC. Together as a full staff, we have traveled to other places to learn and we have brought experts in to teach us. Our Healing Services Director took a sabbatical to delve into holistic healing that reflects trauma knowledge. The shelter advocates take their annual retreat with TIC being the most influential in the agenda creation.

The agency has created a **trauma educators team**: a group of staff members (Executive Director, Western Services Director, Healing Services Director and third shift Shelter Advocate) whose sole purpose is to

2016

A December 7 webinar, *Incorporating an Accessible, Culturally Responsive, DV- and Trauma-Informed (ACDVTI) Approach: Strategies, Insights and Lessons*, highlights the collaborative effort between the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center in partnership with End Domestic Abuse WI and the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence during the past five years. The webinar was recorded as part of the Independent Topics series and can be found on the [NCDVTMH website](#).

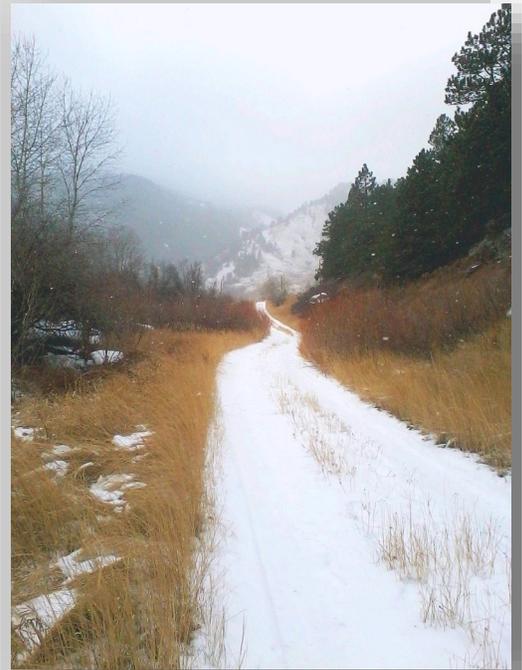
ensure that the staff has the support they need in trauma education and development, trauma exposure information, and opportunities to gather together to off-set the perils brought on by the commitment to meet people in their unique place, experience and story. Throughout the year, the trauma educators team purposefully creates self-care/team-care events: pajama parties; picnics; pamper-yourself events; Thanksgiving Dinner. This is coupled with planned trainings within the year to deepen the agency knowledge of TIC. Lastly, each staff can record their individual efforts in the trauma journey and keep track in a point system to achieve gifts, acknowledgement and eventually a full paid day off.

As another commitment to the journey, the agency has developed an ***inclusive services team*** whose purpose is to ensure that WRC services reflect a sensitivity to 'all in need' and ensure an alliance to a variety of life stories and personal definitions of Self. The inclusive services team is comprised of salaried staff and some who work minimal hours per week. Most on the team (in fact most on WRC staff) would describe themselves as belonging to typically oppressed or underrepresented populations. Both the trauma educators team and the inclusive services team have developed annual strategic plans for the upcoming year. Both use victim voice to guide their tasks.

Lastly, this year WRC worked with Diane Wolff and CJ Doxtater from End Abuse in a fashion that resembles the "peer review process" of years ago. Diane and CJ spent two days at WRC working with staff in teams and as a whole to create a storytelling scrapbook of our favorite memories on the journey and to plan for the next leg. It was extremely helpful to honor what has been completed and wonder creatively about what can still be done. The two days ended with a full staff

gathering to learn more about historical and organizational trauma. Each staff member had the opportunity to diagram their own experience in the domestic violence movement. After a period of time, staff were invited to share their diagrams/maps/timelines. Throughout the sharing, there were many tears spilled, many shaky voices echoing memories of the very reasons we had gathered – to recognize the impact of historical trauma, to acknowledge the profound and lifelong impact that trauma has on how we live within this world. At that time, as a full team, we recognized that within ourselves we held the very voices that we have committed to hear. We have been the oppressed. We have been the victims turned survivors. We have been the voiceless. We have been the ones who traditional systems have re-victimized or ignored. It is within ourselves and our honored places within WRC that we will muster our strategic next steps and in that knowing, we will gently move forward on this journey.

I didn't see the sign that told me how long the journey was when I started. I didn't know how rough the terrain might get. At times I wondered if the destination would prove worth the trip. Many times I wished I wasn't already tired or uncomfortable. And yet, at the look-out I can see the beauty. Once in the splendor, I can say that it was worth the trip. With each person I meet I approach with awe (the trauma reflective way). So, in regard to the trauma reflective journey I must approach with awe. Because, indeed, there is much that will bring awe.



# DVAM 2016

## *Domestic Violence*

*Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national level.\**

**THANK YOU to:**  
Center Against Sexual and Domestic Assault, Bolton Refuge House, Family Support Center, The Bridge to Hope, CAP Services, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Sojourner Family Peace Center, Embrace, The Women's Center, and Women and Children's Horizons, who shared their DVAM stories and photos with us, below and on the following pages.

*\* DVAM History. 2012. Accessed December 1, 2016. <http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/DVAM-history>.*

## Center Against Sexual and Domestic Assault (CASDA) in Superior

During the first week of October CASDA planted flags on the courthouse lawn and displayed a banner showing the number of crisis calls in Douglas county. All that week a purple light shone on the court house and area residents participated in a Leave Your Light on for Victims and Survivors campaign. UW-Superior's campus was painted purple with flags, where CASDA maintained a significant presence during that week.

As part of CASDA's #PAINTYOURTOWNPURPLE campaign, more than 2000 flags were on display in community yards during the month of October.

Other events included:

- Keynote and panel presentations at UW-Superior's event, *Love and Bruises: Lessons from Domestic and Dating Violence...It's more than just physical.*
- Family Skate Night at a local skating rink, which raised funds for CASDA's support group.



## Bolton Refuge House (Eau Claire) Family Support Center (Chippewa Falls) The Bridge to Hope (Menomonie)

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, the third annual Walk-a-Mile Chippewa Valley was held to raise awareness and show support for survivors of violence. More than 200 participants “walked a mile” at this event, which was collectively organized by Family Support Center, Bolton Refuge House, The Bridge to Hope, and UW-Eau Claire’s Women and LGBTQ Resource Center. This one-mile walk was followed by a cookout and raffle prizes.



Left-Right Executive Directors Geri Segal (Family Support Center), Pat Stein (Bolton Refuge House), & Naomi Cummings (Bridge to Hope)



## CAP Services in Stevens Point (CAP)

CAP organized a Purple Ribbon Walk around the courthouse in September at which the mayor made a DVAM proclamation, receiving media coverage from local papers and news stations. Additional DVAM activities included:

- Participation in high school and university homecoming activities, at which hundreds of purple ribbons and informational cards were distributed.
- Tabling at an open house at Plover's fire station
- Presenting at the community’s annual Empty Bowls event
- Coordinating volunteers for CAP’s Family Crisis Center to bring more than 200 DVAM pledges to area business owners who signed and posted them.



## Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) in Madison

Each year, DAIS commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month by hosting a number of community events and awareness raising efforts in Dane County. On October 6, restaurants throughout Dane County participated in *Dine Out for DAIS* with more than 30 restaurants donating 10% of their sales on the day of the event to support DAIS.

- The *6th Annual Dress for DAIS Fashion Show* was held on October 20 where the latest fall fashions from local boutiques were showcased by local women and styled by local salons with proceeds benefitting DAIS.
- DAIS hosted their final 2016 Community Education Event titled *What Does It Mean to Support a Survivor?* on October 26, inviting the community to learn from the DAIS Community Services Team about what it means to help or support a family or friend who is dealing with domestic abuse.
- DAIS premiered its new video called [The DAIS Thank You Letter Project](#), in which clients tell some of their stories and their experiences with DAIS.



## Sojourner Family Peace Center (Sojourner) and the MKE Peace Partnership in Milwaukee

Sojourner Family Peace Center (Sojourner) partnered with local Milwaukee-based businesses to help raise awareness about domestic violence and its impact on their community. *MilwaukeeHome* created special edition purple tee shirts, which could be worn to Sojourner local MKE Peace Partner businesses to receive special deals.



In addition to its observance of the Day of Unity (October 3) and National #PurpleThursday (October 20), Sojourner held *Beyond the Home: Perspectives and Approaches to Ending Domestic Violence* (October 26). This event featured a panel discussion about perspectives and approaches to ending domestic violence in the community. Panelists included Carmen Pitre, Sojourner President and CEO; Michelle Coppens, Sojourner Manager of Special Projects; Debra Fields, Sojourner Community and Education Coordinator; and the Honorable Jeffrey Kremers, Milwaukee County Circuit Court. End Abuse's Patti Seger moderated.

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## Embrace (Price, Rusk, & Washburn Counties)

To show their support for the many victims and survivors of domestic violence, sheriff's or police departments in Rusk County, Ladysmith, Washburn County, Shell Lake, Spooner, Minong, Birchwood, Price County, Phillips and Park Falls had purple ribbon magnets displayed on all department law enforcement vehicles. In addition to the demonstration of support for victims and advocates, the purple ribbons conveyed a powerful message that there is no place for domestic violence in the homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools in our communities.

Embrace displayed Clothesline Projects in all three counties: in the yard their shelter in Ladysmith (Rusk County), at the Price County Courthouse in Spooner, and one in Shell Lake (Washburn County). They teamed up with hair salons in all three counties, offering purple hair extensions to raise awareness.

Informational displays about DVAM appeared in public buildings or stores in each county, and Embrace advertised and participated in Purple Thursday on October 20.

**One of Embrace's Clothesline Projects (top, right) and Price, Washburn, & Rusk County Teams (in descending order)**



## The Women's Center in Waukesha

To remember homicide victims, stand with those enduring abuse, and honor survivors, The Women's Center in Waukesha (TWC) displayed purple silhouettes on their grounds in October.

TWC kicked off the National Week of Action on October 17 with a moment of silence commemorating lives lost to domestic violence, followed by comments from Mayor Shawn Reilly and Waukesha County District Attorney Susan Oppen.

During this week, purple lights at the Les Paul Pavilion and the Neumann Water Dome in downtown Waukesha helped to raise awareness and support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. TWC facilitated a social media campaign with specific calls to action, including: Share a Statistic Sunday (10/16); Educate Monday (10/17); Get Involved Tuesday (10/18); Advocate Wednesday (10/19); #PurpleThursday (10/20); Fact Friday (10/21); and #Shout-out-Saturday (10/22), honoring The Women's Center's Founding Mothers' contribution to the Waukesha community.

During DVAM, TWC's Futures Free From Violence Trivia fundraising event raised over \$10,000 for programs and services for women and families!



## Women and Children's Horizons in Kenosha

Rain did not stop Women and Children's Horizons (WCH) from holding a successful Awareness Walk on October 1. Activities featured at this event included:

- **Family Fun Zone**, with eight outreach agencies promoting their family resources and providing games or activities for the event, including free airbrush tattoos, a photo booth and a children's drawing contest.
- **Mascot Race** kick-off activity, held just before the walk took place. All five mascots gave it their all – even though some of them couldn't see very well in costume!
- **Awareness Walk, with Learning Stations** placed throughout the walk, giving participants an opportunity to learn more about WCH services and programs. Many stations focused on educating the community and asking them to pledge their support.
- **Performances, Vendor Fair, and Fashion Show**, with a local band, local businesses, and more than 15 models who participated in the *Nifty Thrifty Fashion Show*. The event ended with the announcement of contest and raffle winners.





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