Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2016

It's hard to believe Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month (DVAM) 2016 starts tomorrow! In an effort to highlight all of the amazing work happening around the state, and to help boost the efforts of our members and allies working to raise awareness, we've compiled [DVAM social media strategies](#), [online toolkits and resources](#), and a [calendar of events](#) occurring both around the state and nation. Thank you to everyone for the tremendous dedication you have to this movement, and we look forward to another great year of creating social change!

PARTICIPATING VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Here are a few ways to use your social media presence to raise awareness about domestic violence and the impact it has on our communities, our state, and around the world.

- Use the #NYDVAM hashtag in your social media posts to highlight the amazing work happening all over the state to build awareness and prevent domestic violence! You can follow the campaign on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages where we'll be highlighting the work being done by our member programs across New York State to support survivors and end domestic violence.

- This year we will also be launching our #31DaysOfDVAM campaign, highlighting domestic violence awareness and prevention related statistics and resources all month!

- Encourage friends and family members to [donate to NYSCADV](#) and your other favorite [domestic violence advocacy organizations](#) to help support our vital missions to prevent and end domestic violence.

- Change your social media profile and cover photos to purple ribbons and other domestic violence awareness signs, slogans, and statistics that reflect your local work.
Follow and share NNEDV's annual #31in31 campaign on all social media. Each day, they'll be sharing survivor stories. Some are uplifting, some are heartbreaking; all are true and reflect the broad spectrum of experiences that survivors across the country face every single day.

The #ThisIsDV campaign from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence 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 ThisIsDV

Join OPDV's Shine The Light campaign, and post pictures of you and/or your agency Shining the Light and turning the state purple with the hashtag #ShineTheLight. Click this link to see the 2015 #ShineTheLight photo gallery.

Follow NNEDV's Cyber Security Awareness Week. October is National Security Awareness Month! During the Week of October 9th-15th NNEDV will be sharing some updates on social media and the NNEDV website about the intersection of domestic violence and technology safety.

Join activists and organizations in a #DVAM2016 Twitter Chat hosted by NRCDV on October 18th. Our movement to end domestic violence is rooted in social justice and fueled by passion. What does the movement mean to you? Follow @NationalDVAM and join the conversation on Twitter at #DVAM2016 #ThisIsDV. For more information and to RSVP visit the NRCDV announcement.

Join NNEDV's Week of Action 2016 October 16th-22nd

Join the Wear Purple 4 PurpleThursday Thunderclap on October 20th and post photos of you and your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues wearing purple to raise awareness!

## RESOURCES & TOOLKITS

**New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV): Shine the Light Campaign**

From skyscrapers to bridges, storefronts to shopping centers, purple lights illuminate the nights of October. People wear purple clothing while police cars and municipal vehicles display purple magnetic ribbons. This low or no-cost campaign has grown from several dozen participants in 2008 many hundreds. OPDV's Shine the Light Toolkit includes printable materials (flyers, brochures, palm cards), talking points, and much more to help local communities Shine the Light and Turn the State Purple! Click here to view OPDV's 2016 "Shine the Light" Toolkit.

**National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)**

NNEDV's DVAM Action includes their #31in31 calendar of actions to help end domestic violence, events for the 2016 Week of Action, and materials for use on social media platforms. Click here to view NNEDV's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Page.
This October, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) is building upon conversations from 2015 around Awareness + Action = Social Change by offering key awareness activities and action steps for propelling us forward together. We are elevating the voices of survivors, lifting up resiliency and healing as a transformative response to domestic violence, supporting self-care in advocacy, revisiting the passion that fuels our movement, and embracing new directions for bold and intentional social change work.

Follow this link for NRCDV’s 2016 DVAM Activities. NRCDV has also put together a website of campaign ideas, a nationwide calendar of events for DVAM, training resources, awareness highlights, and other materials which are available in four languages. Click here to view the NRCDV Domestic Violence Awareness Project.

**STATE & NATIONAL DVAM CALENDAR**
*(listed in order by date)*

**Wine, Dine & Renovate Raffle**
**Grace Smith House**
**Present-October 5, 2016**
**Poughkeepsie, NY**
Win gift cards to the top 12 restaurants in the Hudson Valley! GSH's Building & Grounds Committee is hosting a Wine, Dine and Renovate Raffle. The proceeds will assist with many urgent renovations at our shelters and residences. Restaurants include Hyde Park Brew Pub, the Would Restaurant, Artist's Palate, Aroma Osteria, Mercatto's, Market Street, Amici's, J Dominick's, Stepano's, Brasserie, Crave, and Crew. Gift cards range from $50 to $100 each. The raffle drawing will be held at our annual Women of Grace Awards on October 5th, 2016. Raffle tickets are $20 each. For purchase, visit Grace Smith House’s website.

**Purple Tie Event**
**Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency**

**September 30, 2016**
**Fleming, NY**
The Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's annual Purple Tie Event will take place from 5:30 to 9:00 PM Friday, Sept. 30 at the Springside Inn, 6141 W. Lake Road, Fleming. The event will feature live music by The Foolz, food, auction and raffles. Tickets are $25, and all proceeds benefit the agency's Domestic Violence Services program in Cayuga County! Buy tickets online now on CSCAA's website.
This October it's time for another Allstate Foundation Purple Purse Challenge! The Purple Purse Challenge is a fundraising campaign for charities benefiting domestic violence survivors. The campaign launches on Wednesday, September 28th at 12:00 PM EDT and runs through Tuesday, October 25th at 1:59 PM EDT. The team that raises the most during the Challenge wins a $100,000 donation, second place gets $50,000; third gets $25,000; fourth gets $20,000; fifth gets $15,000; and, there will be weekly Bonus Challenges for charities to win up to another $115,000. The best part of the Challenge is that even if organizations don't win any of the grand prize money, they still get to keep the money raised during the campaign. To support NYSCADV Member Programs participating in the 2016 Purple Purse Challenge visit the following links Center Against Domestic Violence; Hope's Door; LI Against Domestic Violence; Safe Homes of Orange County; The Retreat; Victim Information Bureau of Suffolk; Wellspring; YWCA of the Mohawk Valley; and YWCA of Northeastern NY.

October 1-31, 2016
Purple Hands Campaign
Equinox, Domestic Violence Services
Albany, NY
Visit the Domestic Violence Awareness Kiosk at Colonie Center Mall to join Equinox’s “Purple Hands” Campaign. Be on the look out for the campaign as local businesses and organizations in Albany County.

Multiple Dates & Locations
DVAM 2016: From Bystanders to Upstanders
New York Asian Women’s Center
New York City Area
This year, NYAWC’s DVAM campaign, entitled “DVAM 2016: From Bystanders to Upstanders,” will raise awareness through street theater and discussions in each of the 5 boroughs regarding what an upstander can look like. NYAWC is partnering with two theater groups to perform skits of various domestic violence situations while NYAWC staff will facilitate a de-briefing discussion after the performances as well as encourage folks to take an Upstander Pledge. There will be one DVAM outreach day in each of the five boroughs:

- Tuesday, October 11, 2-3pm, Brooklyn
- Tuesday, October 18, 2-3pm, Queens
- Wednesday, October 19, 1-2pm, Manhattan
- Tuesday, October 25, 1-2pm, Bronx
- Wednesday, October 26, 4:30-5:30pm, Staten Island

Please call our hotline at 1-888-888-7702 or contact Betty Rose Green bgreen@nyawc.org for more details.

Multiple Dates & Locations
The Clothesline Project
Safe Homes of Orange County
The opening of The Clothesline Project will take place at the Neighborhood Business & Resource Center located at 280 Broadway, Newburgh, NY on October 3, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. An Official Ceremony and Press Conference will take place at 12:00 PM. The Clothesline Project will be shown at:

- October 10, 2016 10:30 AM-3:30 PM: Galleria at Crystal Run, Middletown
- October 12, 2016 10:00 AM-3:00 PM: Cornerstone Family Health, Newburgh "Health Cares About DV Day & Clothesline Project"
- October 13, 2016 10:00 AM-4:00 PM: Veterans Square Park, Port Jervis

For more information and to register please call 845-562-5362 x124 or email tvanminter@safehomesorangecounty.org

Multiple Dates
Womens' Self Defence and Anti-Bullying Classes
Mechanicville Area Community Center, Domestic Violence Advocacy Project
Clifton Park, NY
Our Domestic Violence Advocacy Program is also collaborating with Pai's Taekwondo Academy in Clifton Park, to provide 2 FREE Women's Self Defense classes (open to women age 13 and up), as well as 2 Anti-Bullying Classes for children age 5-13, Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Pai's, Clifton Park, throughout October. Register by calling DVAP at (518) 664-4008. Follow this link to see a full list of class dates and times.

Paws for Safety Walk
Center for Safety and Change
October 1, 2016, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Montebello, NY
Walk will take place in Kakiat Park in Montebello, NY. Follow this link for more information on the Paws for Safety Walk.

Shine the Light Awareness Walk
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
October 1, 2016
Penn Yan, NY
Please join us to raise awareness about domestic violence and support this worthy cause. First 50 people to register will receive a free T-shirt, additional shirts may be purchased at the door for $5.00. Refreshments will be available after the walk. Registration fee is donation of Hygiene Items (Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, etc.) Follow this link for more information and to register for Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

The Hamptons Marathon and a Half
The Retreat
October 1, 2016, 8:00 AM
Southampton, NY
Each year after the race the Hamptons Marathon team makes donations to support local East End groups. In November 2015, the Hamptons Marathon donated over $85,000, including $33,000 each to Southampton Hospital and Project Most. The race is also supporting the Springs School, the Springs School PTA, the East Hampton Day Care Learning Center and East Hampton Youth Football. Over the past 9 years, the Hamptons
Marathon has donated over $500,000 to support local East Hampton organizations. Follow this link for more information on the Hampton’s Marathon and a Half.

Third Annual "Take a Hike, Domestic Violence!" Awareness Event
Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler Counties
October 1, 2106
Watkins Glen, NY
We'll be walking the Watkins Glen Gorge after meeting at the Catholic Charities office on Franklin Street. Registration starts at 9:30 AM; Hike at 10:30 AM. Registration: $5 gift card to a local restaurant, grocery store or gas station to be given to victims of domestic violence in our program. Bring your family & friends out to take a hike & make the community aware of domestic violence and the resources to help those in need of advocacy and support! Meet at 607 N Franklin St, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 to pick up your t-shirts & drop off your donations. For more information, contact Bethany at 607-535-2050, ext. 205. T-shirts available for first 100 participants. Follow this link for more information and to register for the Third Annual "Take a Hike, Domestic Violence!" Awareness Event.

Walk A Mile in My Shoes
Willow Domestic Violence Center
October 1, 2016, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Rochester, NY
Join us to Walk A Mile In My Shoes to raise awareness and dollars to support survivors of dating and domestic violence in our community. Bring your friends and family and join us for this annual fun event with food, music, photo booths and more! For sponsorship information, please email LarissaB@WillowCenterNY.org. Follow this link for more information and to register for Willow's DV Center's Walk a Mile in My Shoes.

18th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fall Festival
The Family Counseling Center, Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County
October 1, 2016, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Gloversville, NY
The 18th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fall Festical will be held at the Rail Trail Park in Gloversville. The event will include many fun family activities such as games with prizes, food, free popcorn, make your own sundaes, and carmel apples! We also raffle many beautiful baskets and bicycles for the children.

National Call of Unity: Healing the Heart of the Movement
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
October 4, 2016, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM EST
Conference Call
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. Click here for more information and to RSVP for the National Call of Unity.

Wo(M)en of Grace Awards
Grace Smith House
October 5, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Poughkeepsie, NY
Grace Smith House will be celebrating our 35th anniversary at the Wo(M)en of Grace Awards, on October 5th, 2016. The event runs from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Our honorees include Steven Chickery, Michael Kunin, and Jennifer Buri daCunha. Tickets are $125, or 2 for $225. Follow this link for more information and to register for Wo(M)en of Grace Awards.

Community Forum on Domestic Violence: Why do Perpetrators Choose to Abuse?
ACCORD Corporation
October 6, 2016 - 5:00 PM
Wellsville, NY
You may know someone who has been affected by domestic violence. This may be a person you know personally or professionally. In the back of your mind you may have wondered, or heard others ask, what makes this person stay in the abusive relationship? Unfortunately, victims are most often the ones asked, "Why do you stay?" or "Why don't you just leave?" Has this question ever been posed to the abuser, "Why do you choose to abuse?" Panel members include Lorien Castelle from NYSCADV, Art Mason from Lifespan of Rochester, Sara Mahoney from Allegany County Probation & 3R's Program Facilitator, Heather Kunz from ACCORD Corp. Please lend us your voice at this community-wide event and share this information with anyone you feel may be impacted by, or has interest in, this issue. If you need more information, please contact Heather Kunz, Domestic Violence Program Manager, at (585) 268-7605 extension 1115. Click this link to access the flyer for the Community Forum on DV: Why do Perpetrators Choose to Abuse

Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk-3rd Annual
Family and Children’s Services of Niagara
October 6, 2016, 4:30 PM
Niagara Falls, NY
Meet at the corner of Main and Third Streets at 4:30 PM. Wear purple and take a collective stand by tying purple ribbons on the trees along Third Street. All are welcome to join us in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Join us after the walk at Wine on Third to view artwork exhibiting what local community members and domestic violence survivors pledge to do to end violence in their lives and communities. Click here for more information for the Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk.

Escalation Workshop
Safe Homes of Orange County
October 6, 2016, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Newburgh, NY
Part of a national movement started by the One Love Foundation this workshop honors survivors and raises awareness about intimate partner violence by looking at the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors. Participants can recognize warning signs, and stop abuse before it starts. To register for this event call 845-562-5365 of email tvanminter@safehomesorangecounty.org

Launch of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Press Conference
Willow Domestic Violence Center
October 6, 2016, 10:00 AM
Rochester, NY
Joint proclamation from the City of Rochester and Monroe County to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Release of 2016 Report to Community on Domestic Violence in Monroe County in partnership with the Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium. The press conference will be held at the Public Safety Training Facility located at 1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

**Meals on Wheels Boot Camp**  
**Center for Safety and Change**  
**October 6, 2016, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Suffern, NY**  
Meals on Wheels Bootcamp will take place at RCC Field House in Suffern, NY.

**NYS LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Network Regional Training Summit**  
**New York City Anti Violence Project**  
**October 6, 2016, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**Ithaca, NY**  
Join a training for residential and non-residential domestic violence service providers to increase your LGBTQ cultural competency and ability to provide inclusive services to LGBTQ survivors of IPV. Topics covered will include LGBTQ 101, inclusive screening and assessment tools, and sheltering LGBTQ survivors. Click here for more information and to register for New York State LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Network.

**NYS LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Network Primary Aggressor Training**  
**New York City Anti Violence Project**  
**October 7, 2016, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Ithaca, NY**  
Attend a training for residential and non-residential domestic violence service providers, in which participants will increase their LGBTQ cultural competency, identify unique power and control tactics that exist in LGBTQ relationships, and begin to understand how to identify the primary aggressor in LGBTQ relationships. Click here for more information and to register for New York State LGBTQ Primary Aggressor Training.

**Art and Awareness**  
**Catholic Charities of Herkimer County**  
**October 7, 2016, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Little Falls, NY**  
An evening to raise awareness about Domestic Violence October 7th, 2016 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the studio at the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts located at 411 Canal Street in Little Falls. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. A raffle will be taking place for gift cards to local businesses. Art will be for sale, 30% of art sold is donated to the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County (a program of Catholic Charities). Artists are welcome to submit work. Any medium is accepted. $10 entrance fee per artist, which includes unlimited submissions. 70% of sale to the artist. Please call 315-894-1860 or email allysadvp@ccherkimer.org. No cover charge for guests, but donations to our program are appreciated. Click here for more information on the Art and Awareness night.

**Paint the Town Purple**  
**Crime Victims Assistance Center**
October 7, 2016
Binghamton, NY
The Crime Victims Assistance Center in Binghamton, NY is proud to be hosting our first ever "Paint the Town Purple" event. We are hosting a kickoff event on October 7th where we will have a DJ, a purple hair and nail station, a purple themed photobooth, and art from our local LGBTQ youth center. We will be handing out purple glow sticks, and hoping to spread the color purple throughout our entire downtown and community. Many buildings have agreed to shine their lights purple all month long. We've also teamed up with local salons to offer purple hair and nails, with a portion coming back to our agency. Several local bars and restaurants have also teamed up to sell purple drinks all month long with a portion of proceeds coming back to our agency. We are providing establishments with DV Awareness Month drink coasters, and myth v. fact posters. **Follow this link for more information on Paint the Town Purple.**

Zumbathon
YWCA of Northeastern New York
October 7, 2016, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Schenectady, NY
Join the YWCA of Northeastern New York for a Zumbathon at the YWCA, located at 44 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, NY.

5k Run/Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness-3rd Annual
Albany Police Department
October 8, 2016
Albany, NY
Please join the Albany Police Department for the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness. Any profits are divided between Equinox, In Our Own Voices, and The Legal Project. Cost: Adults - $20.00 Students- $15.00. *Online registration will close on October 5, at 10:00 a.m. $25.00 for Race Day Registration Children under 12 are FREE! T-Shirts will be given to the first 200 paid registrants. **Click here for more information and to register for the 5k Run/Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness.**

Purple Pooches on Parade
A New Hope Center
October 9, 2016, 11:00 AM
Owego, NY
Bring your canine friends for a short parade through the Village of Owego. Dress them and yourself in purple. There will be prizes for the most purple pooch, most creative outfit and the most purple pair. Parade will start at 20 Church Street Owego, NY. Participants will earn two tickets towards A New Hope Center's DVAM Challenge. **Follow this link for more details.**

Keeping Your Cup Full: Self-Care is Essential to Trauma Informed Advocacy
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
October 11, 2016
Online
This webinar will offer strategies for dealing with daily work related stress, increase awareness of the issue of vicarious trauma, and provide ideas in order to gain...
Verizon Domestic Violence Awareness Walk/Informational Distribution
Center for Safety and Change
October 12, 2016, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Orangeburg, NY
The Verizon Domestic Violence Awareness Walk will take place at the Verizon Campus in Orangeburg, NY.

Shine A Light on Domestic Violence
Child & Family Services-Haven House
October 13, 2016, 6:45 PM
Buffalo, NY
Joins Haven House as they shine a light on domestic violence. A ceremony and press conference will take place before falls illumination. Follow this link for more information.

Little Black Dress for Hope Against Domestic Violence
A New Hope Center
October 15, 2016 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Nichols, NY
Need a reason to put on your little black dress? Come join the Democratic Women of Tioga County in this annual event to benefit A New Hope Center. Event will be held at Tioga Downs Casino located at 2384 West River Road, Nichols, NY. Tickets are $35.00 per person. For more information or to purchase your tickets call: 607-687-6887. Event attendees will earn two tickets towards A New Hope Center's DVAM Challenge. Follow this link for more details.

"Peace Begins With Me" Walk to End Domestic Violence
Círculo de la Hispanidad
October 15, 2016
Long Beach, NY
Círculo de la Hispanidad began its "Peace Walk to End the Silence on Domestic Violence" with a purpose to raise awareness about domestic violence in our community and to provide information to break the silence on violence. It holds the walk every fall on the Long Beach boardwalk at Riverside Boulevard. The event begins with a program including different speakers following by a walk on the Long Beach Boardwalk. Meet at the Long Beach, New York Boardwalk at Riverside Boulevard, program begins at 9:30 AM. For more information to register call 516-431-1135 or email sbrewster@cdlh.org.

Run/Walk to End Domestic Violence
The Safe Center LI & Domestic Harmony Foundation
October 15, 2016, 9:30 AM
Domestic Harmony Foundation in partnership with SEPA Mujer and others join efforts to end domestic violence - join us! Join our lucha - our fight - join the movement and run or walk, but be there with us. Show solidarity and register now or make a donation. We need you now more than ever. Regular Registration is $15.00
The Family Services 6th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®
Family Services
October 15, 2016
Fishkill, NY
Inviting All Men to Walk the Walk! Please join us to eliminate sexual assault, gender violence and domestic violence in our community. With your help, we will say "No More!"
Each year, an ever-increasing number of men, women and their families are joining Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. A Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® Event is a unique opportunity for to raise awareness about the serious causes, effects and remediations to gender violence and sexual assault.
There is an old saying: "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® asks men to literally walk in women's shoes. We invite everyone to attend this family friendly event and encourage (but not require) the guys to put on a pair of women's shoes. For more info, please contact Pam Tarquinio at p.tarquinio@familyservicesny.org or 845-452-1110 x3116. Click here to sign up for the Family Services 6th Annual Walk A Mile.

Shine the Light in Harlem, Domestic Violence Walk and Speak Out
Upper Manhattan Domestic Violence Services Collaborative
October 17, 2016
Harlem, NY
The walk will begin at 5:30 PM Rain or Shine. Everyone walks to the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Plaza, 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard. Please choose from one of the following starting points:

- 125th Street and St. Nichols Ave.
- 135th Street and Malcolm X Blvd. (Lenox Ave.)
- 125th Street and 5th Ave.
- 116th Street and Frederick Douglas Blvd. (Eighth Ave.)

Purple Lights at 6:00 PM and a speak out at 6:15 PM will follow at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building. Wear Purple! Click here for more information for the Shine the Light in Harlem, Domestic Violence Walk and Speak Out.

Shine the Light, Candlelight Vigil
Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie County
October 18, 2016
Cobleskill, NY
A time to remember and honor those victimized by domestic violence, and to celebrate with those that have survived. Join us for a candlelight vigil. The evening will also include: Songs, poetry readings, speeches (including survivor speeches), "Shine the Light" award presentation, refreshments, and more. Click here for more information on the Shine the Light Candlelight Vigil.

Take Back the Night Event, Rally & March
**YWCA of Mohawk Valley**  
**October 18, 2016, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Utica, NY**  
Event will take place at Utica City Hall, activities include local speakers, a march through town, a Speak Out for survivors, a Candlelight Vigil, Drum Circle and refreshments. Our Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Exhibit will also be on display. For more information call 315-797-7740.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Event and Art Show**  
**Unity House**  
**October 19, 2016, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Troy, NY**  
Join us for an evening of art & poetry, light refreshments, domestic violence resources & information, and celebrating community partners. Wear purple to show your support! [Follow this link for more information about the DV Awareness & Art Show.](#)

**Report to the Community on Domestic & Sexual Violence**  
**Vera House**  
**October 19, 2016, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**  
**Syracuse, NY**  
[Follow this link for more information on the 27th Annual Report to the Community on Domestic & Sexual Violence.](#)

**Take Back the Night Event, Rally & March**  
**YWCA of Mohawk Valley**  
**October 19, 2016, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Rome, NY**  
Event will take place at Rome City Hall, activities include local speakers, a march through town, a Speak Out for survivors, a candlelight vigil, drum circle and refreshments. Our Clothesline Project and Silent Witness Exhibit will also be on display. For more information call 315-797-7740.

**Take Back the Night Event and March**  
**YWCA of Northeastern New York**  
**October 19, 2016, 5:30 PM**  
Join the YWCA of Northeastern New York for a Take Back the Night Event and March through Schenectady. Event and March will begin at the YWCA located at 44 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, NY.

**WEAR PURPLE DAY!**  
**October 20, 2016**  
All across the nation, people will be wearing purple to honor survivors of domestic violence. Long used as a symbol for victims of domestic violence seeking justice, purple is our rallying color in our work to prevent and end domestic violence!

**Candlelight Vigil**  
**A New Hope Center**  
**October 20, 2016, 6:00 PM**
Owego, NY
This event is to remember those we have lost and to celebrate those that are surviving. The vigil will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 117 West Main St, Owego, NY. [Follow this link for more details about the Candlelight Vigil.]

DV: Recognize the Signs, Recognize the Risks
ACCORD Corporation
October 20, 2016, 8:15 AM-4:45 PM
Belmont NY
This training is appropriate for anyone who may work with a victim of domestic violence or child witnesses of domestic violence. Topics include: domestic violence dynamics, domestic violence and trauma, strangulation, and an overview of assessments. Follow this link to [view the full agenda for the training](#). Space is limited. To register, contact Heather Kunz-Domestic Violence Program Manager at ACCORD at 585-268-7605 x 1115 or email [h kunz@accordcorp.org](mailto:h kunz@accordcorp.org).

Community Wear Purple Day/Walk Against Violence
The Family Counseling Center, Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County
October 20, 2016, 3:30 PM
Gloversville, NY
The Family Counseling Center, Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County, will be hosting a community wear purple day as well as a Walk Against the Violence. This will be held at 3:30 pm starting at the Fulton County Courthouse.

Wear Purple Day Rally
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency
October 20, 2016
Auburn, NY
The Domestic Violence Services Department will host the 6th Annual Wear Purple Day Event that will be held on the steps of the Cayuga County Courthouse at noon. Attendees are encouraged to wear purple, gather to hear brief remarks about the impact of domestic violence in our community, and participate in a balloon release. If you would like to be a part of this event or have a story you would like shared, you can email Sarah Barnard at [sbarnard@cscaa.com](mailto:sbarnard@cscaa.com).

7th Annual, The Beauty of Survivial
Violence Intervention Program
October 20, 2016, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
New York, NY
Over the years, The Beauty of Survival has grown into a celebration of female empowerment and community activism. Since 1984, VIP has served victims of domestic abuse and family violence by providing services that include a live-operated (24/7) Spanish-English emergency hotline, emergency and supportive housing, counseling, advocacy, economic empowerment, children & youth services, immigration support, financial literacy, case management, and other life skills training. More importantly, without these services, thousands of the most vulnerable victims would be without resources or the type of support that enables them to rise from a place of isolation and into a community that embraces all in love and support. The Beauty of Survival is also a moment
for us to thank those individuals who continue to advocate in favor of victims through policy reform, community education, public action, and activism. Our struggle in the anti-violence movement is impossible without their support and it is imperative to us that we recognize the impact their actions make. Once again, we hope that you will join us in celebrating those individuals who have triumphed over abuse as well as those helping to change society for the better. Click here for more information on the 7th Annual Beauty of Survival event.

8th Annual Retreat Luncheon
The Retreat
October 20, 2016, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
New York, NY
New York City Luncheon Event featuring Lisa Fontes, Ph.D. Discusses her book, "Invisible Chains: Overcoming Coercive Control in Your Intimate Relationship." Follow this link for more information about the 8th Annual Retreat Luncheon.

"Healing Through the Trauma"
Safe Homes of Orange County
October 21, 2016, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Newburgh, NY
The training presenters includes survivor and author Lavon Morris-Grant. For more information and to register please call 845-562-5362 x124 or email tvanminter@safehomesorangecounty.org

NYS LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence Network Integrated Support Group Webinar
October 21, 2016, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST
Webinar
Join a webinar for residential and non-residential domestic violence service providers, in which participants will increase their LGBTQ cultural competency and learn how to develop integrated IPV and SV support groups across the spectrum of gender identity and sexual orientation. The webinar is grounded in healing and empowerment for survivors, using trauma-informed approaches that recognize the complex layers of oppression that survivors experience. Follow this link to register for the Integrated Support Group Webinar.

"Sweat for a Cause"
The Retreat
October 22, 2016
Sag Harbor, NY
"Sweat for a Cause" will take place at the Sag Harbor Gym location at 1 Bay Street Sag Harbor, NY 11963. Participants can sign up for three fitness classes and proceeds will benefit The Retreat. For more information, call 631-725-0707.

Fashion Show Fundraiser
A New Hope Center
October 23, 2016, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Owego, NY
Local businesses will be sponsoring a fashion show with several participating vendors with proceeds for to A New Hope Center. The event will be held at the Moose Lodge 1596
37th Annual Harvest Auction
Center for Safety & Change
October 23, 2016, 2:00 PM
Garnerville, NY
Join us at our new venue, the GARNER Arts Center, for an afternoon of wine and beer tasting and live entertainment! We will be featuring our bountiful live and silent auctions! Follow this link for more information and to register for the 37th Annual Harvest Auction.

Girls for Gender Equity Webinar: Centering Girls of Color Within the Racial and Gender Justice Movement for the 21st Century
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
October 25, 2016, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST
Online
Get inspired and activated as presenters share their radical and visionary approaches promoting racial and gender justice and the critical importance it has to addressing and preventing domestic and sexual violence. Click here for more information and to register for Girls for Gender Equity Webinar: Centering Girls of Color Within the Racial and Gender Justice Movement for the 21st Century.

Domestic Violence Awareness Day & Ceremony
The Safe Center & The Executives Family Violence Task Force
October 26, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Garden City, NY
The Domestic Violence Awareness Day Ceremony will take place at One Education Drive, Garden City, NY.

Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Survivor Centered Response Training
October 26, 2016, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Goshen, NY
Participants will receive information on the dynamics of dating violence, understanding barriers to support that your people face, and useful tools, resources, and tips for how to help a teen or young adult who is experience teen dating violence. This training is perfect for CPS workers, Child Welfare Social Workers, Therapists, Counselors, Victim Advocates, and any concerned about the impact of domestic violence on a community. Registration required, to register call 845-562-5365 x124 or email tvanminter@safehomesorangecounty.org.

Candlelight Vigil and Silent Witness Remembrance Ceremony
Willow Domestic Violence Center
October 27, 2016, 6:00 PM - 8:00PM
Rochester, NY
Join Willow Center and the Junior Leagues of Rochester for a Candlelight Vigil and unveiling of our Silent Witness Project, an initiative to commemorate victims whose lives
Domestic Violence Recognition Dinner
ACCORD Corporation
October 27, 2016 5:00pm
Cuba, NY
Join us for an incredible opportunity to learn from those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to recognize service providers in the community who have made a significant impact to the lives of domestic violence victims and their families. Moonwinks Restaurant - 9302 Jackson Hill Road, Cuba, NY. See flyer for full agenda. Survivor Keynote Speaker. Training: Creating Trauma-Informed Communities. Recognition: Allegany County 911 Center. For more information contact Heather Kunz, Domestic Violence Program Manager at ACCORD at 585-268-7605 x 1115 or email hkunz@accordcorp.org.

"The Mask We Live In" Movie Screening and Q&A
October 27, 2016, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Newburgh, NY
Screening will take place at the Newburgh Free Library located at 124 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY.

Stop F.E.A.R. Coalition Criminal Justice Conference
STOP F.E.A.R Coalition
October 28, 2016, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pomona, NY 10970
The Stop F.E.A.R. Coalition, Center for Safety & Change, Rockland District Attorney Thomas Zugibe, Police Chiefs' Foundation of Rockland County and VCS, Inc. are pleased to announce our 19th annual Stop FEAR Conference. The keynote speaker is Kevin M. Mulcahy, Assistant U.S. Attorney and adult survivor of child sexual abuse. The presentation is titled: Randy & Me: A Prosecutor's Story of His Childhood Sexual Abuse. This free event is on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 8:30 am at the Fire Training Center in Pomona. Follow this link for more information and to register for the STOP F.E.A.R. Coalition Criminal Justice Conference.

Grace Pumpkin Parade
Grace Smith House
October 30, 2016, 11:00 AM
Poughkeepsie, NY
Get dressed up for a great cause! Join Grace Smith House on October 30th in Poughkeepsie for our 1st annual Grace Pumpkin Parade and Costume Contest, when we celebrate the spookiest of seasons and raise money for our local domestic violence non-profit organization. October is Bullying Awareness Month, and we encourage costumed creepers of all ages to dress up in non-violent costumes, be inspired by each others creativity, have fun and be safe during Trick or Treat. Think you've got the spookiest costume around? Enter our Costume Contest to compete and raise money for a great local organization. Entry free is $20 by pledge or donation, with children under 10 free. Follow this link for more information and to register for the Grace Pumpkin Parade.
Live Twitter Chat, "Inspire a Difference"

The Retreat

October 30, 2016, 3:00 PM

Online

Live tweet chat event at 3pm for "Inspire a Difference." Investigation Discovery (aka ID) Channel is hosting the Inspire a Difference programming marathon on 10/30 from 4p-10p. The lineup will consist of ID episodes that align with Inspire a Difference that have cases surrounding domestic violence & sexual assault from the series Deadline: Crime with Tamron Hall, Evil Lives Here and 48 Hours on ID. The Inspire a Difference campaign will be featuring a public awareness campaign including a PSA from The Retreat. The Retreat will be hosting a twitter Q&A Chat one hour before the marathon.