



GFWC Signature Program

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

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This toolkit was designed to help you gain a basic understanding of GFWC's Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. In addition to learning about the various forms of Domestic Violence, you will also learn about how you can take action both nationally and within your community.

ABOUT THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM

By supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens, the goal of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness and prevention of the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation.

GFWC MEMBERS WILL SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE:

- To develop and influence federal and state legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and their families.
- To protect the safety, security, and dignity of older citizens.
- To promote fundraisers which provide a positive and constructive solution to victims of abuse through the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship.
- To promote projects that support and cultivate work with national and local domestic violence and abuse organizations.
- To support GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Program partners.

WORKSHEETS/FLIERS/ONE PAGERS

See attached one pager.

VIDEOS

Ted Talk: Why Domestic Violence Victims Don't Leave
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1yW5lSnSjo>

A Portrait of Domestic Violence
<http://time.com/68989/video-a-portrait-of-domestic-violence>

Telling Amy's Story-Awareness Discussion
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvQMM1mfQbl>

An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eaJXBi87to>



OUTSIDE RESOURCES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#): Find information on Domestic Violence including how to help victims, what abuse looks like, why people abuse, why people stay in abusive relationships and how minority status impacts abuse. You can also download and distribute materials such as their awareness brochures, power and control wheels, and palm cards.
- [The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#): Find comprehensive information to educate yourself and others on Domestic Violence. Also find information on other national resource centers, special issue resource centers, and culturally-specific resource centers.
- For a full list of National Organizations involved with Domestic Violence [click here](#).
- [Child Help](#): Learn more about child abuse including statistics, types, effects, and resources.
- The [National Center on Elder Abuse](#): Find information regarding research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

EXISTING EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES

- The [Clothesline Project](#): A project that has those affected by various types of violence decorate a shirt and hang it on a public clothesline as a testimony to the problem of violence against women.
- The [Domestic Violence Awareness Project](#): This project supports national and local advocacy groups by offering campaign ideas, strategies, materials, and resources related to raising public awareness.
- [NO MORE](#): A public awareness campaign that aims to raise awareness around ending domestic violence and sexual assault as well as engage bystander intervention. The campaign's goal is to destigmatize the conversation surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault while taking action to prevent and altogether end it.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL DATES

January is [National Stalking Awareness Month](#)

February is [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#)

April is [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#) and [National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

June 15th is [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)

October is [National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)

HOTLINES

- The [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) has highly-trained advocates available 24/7 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or [chat online](#).
- The National Sexual Assault Hotline operated by [RAINN](#) connects the caller with a trained staff member from a local sexual assault service provider: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673). RAINN also operates a 24/7 [National Sexual Assault Online Hotline](#) where sexual assault survivors and their friends and families can get help through live chat.
- The [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) has a list of National Crisis Organizations that offer assistance to specialized groups such as children, teens, differently abled, women of color, Latina/Latino, immigrants, indigenous women, Asian/Pacific Islander, African-American, LGBT, elders, and men.
- [Loveisrespect](#), [Break the Cycle](#), and the National Domestic Violence Hotline partnered to create a hotline that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Those experiencing abusive behaviors can call 1-866-331-9474, [chat online](#), or text "loveis" to 22522 to speak with a trained peer advocate.



- The [National Child Abuse Hotline](#) is available 24/7 and offers crisis intervention, information, literature, and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service, and support resources: 1-800-4-A-Child (1-800-422-4453).
- The [Eldercare Locator](#) is available Monday through Friday, 9am to 8pm EST, to connect callers to local agencies that can help: 1-800-677-1116.

STATE RESOURCES

- The [United States Department of Justice](#) offers a comprehensive list of US State and Territorial Coalitions Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- The [Feminist Majority Foundation](#) has a list of State Hotlines and Coalitions Against Domestic Violence.
- Find your local domestic violence shelter [here](#).
- The [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) offers an interactive map with state hotlines, government agencies, state laws, state-specific data and statistics, and other resources.
- The [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) offers numerous state resources including state statutes search, national foster care and adoption directory, state related organizations lists, and adoption assistance by state.
- The [National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence](#) has a list of child abuse reporting numbers by state.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

FUNDRAISE/DONATE

- Local/State domestic violence shelters/prevention programs. [Here](#) is a list of sixteen ways to help your local Domestic Violence Shelter.
- GFWC Signature Program Partner, [Prevent Child Abuse America](#) & Local Affiliates
- [Donate to the GFWC Signature Program DVAP Fund](#) to assist in Providing the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarships
- Hold a [cell phone collection](#) or donate your unwanted cell phones to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

ADVOCATE

- GFWC Legislative Action Center
- Organize a "Day on the Hill" with your State Federation or in your local community
- Meet with your local, state, or federal lawmakers to discuss Domestic Violence programming and funding

PROMOTE AWARENESS

- Utilize the DVAP Social Media Tool and encourage your club/state to do the same
- Utilize outside resources to obtain guest speakers at your next club meeting
- Host an awareness and prevention workshop for your community

Check out the [GFWC Club Manual on the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention](#) for more information about how you can help.