

October Newsletter, 2014

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's a time to open our eyes and our ears to the violence that is happening in our neighborhoods, in our communities, within our families, and to our friends. It's a time to remember that Domestic Violence happens year round, not only in October. And a chance to get involved to make a difference in the prevention of domestic violence as well as helping victims become survivors!

In 1981, Unity Day gave way to the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Unity Day was created to connect victims with advocates nationwide. As DVAM grew, it has become a month long calendar of events, activities, education, and "uniting" of communities. Unity Day is still celebrated on the first Monday of October. In 2014, it will be on October 6th.

Safe Space will hold many awareness activities and educational opportunities throughout the month of October, beginning on October 1st.

Be sure to check out the calendar at the end of this newsletter for all dates and activities being offered by Safe Space and other agencies who are in support of a violence free

1 in 4 women will experience DV in her lifetime

1 in 5 men will experience DV in his lifetime

Children Witnesses are more likely to become an abuser as an adult.

Intimate Partner Violence costs the US over \$8.3 Billion per year!

On average a victim will leave their abuser 7 times before leaving for good

Domestic Violence does not discriminate! Domestic Violence reaches all genders, gender identities, races, ethnicities, social statuses, financial and economical statuses, religions, and ages.

Domestic Violence is not only physical abuse—it's emotional, mental, financial, sexual, and spiritual. It's power and control (see page 2). It's not like brainwashing—it IS brainwashing!

Safe Space provides services to men, women, members of the LGBT community and children of all ages. Below is statistical data of services provided from January 1 - September 30, 2014.

Shelter Nights	771
Children Served	54
Clients Served in Shelter	103
Clients Served outside of Shelter	41
Crisis Hotline Calls Received	499

SHELTER

24 hr. crisis line
(406) 782-8511

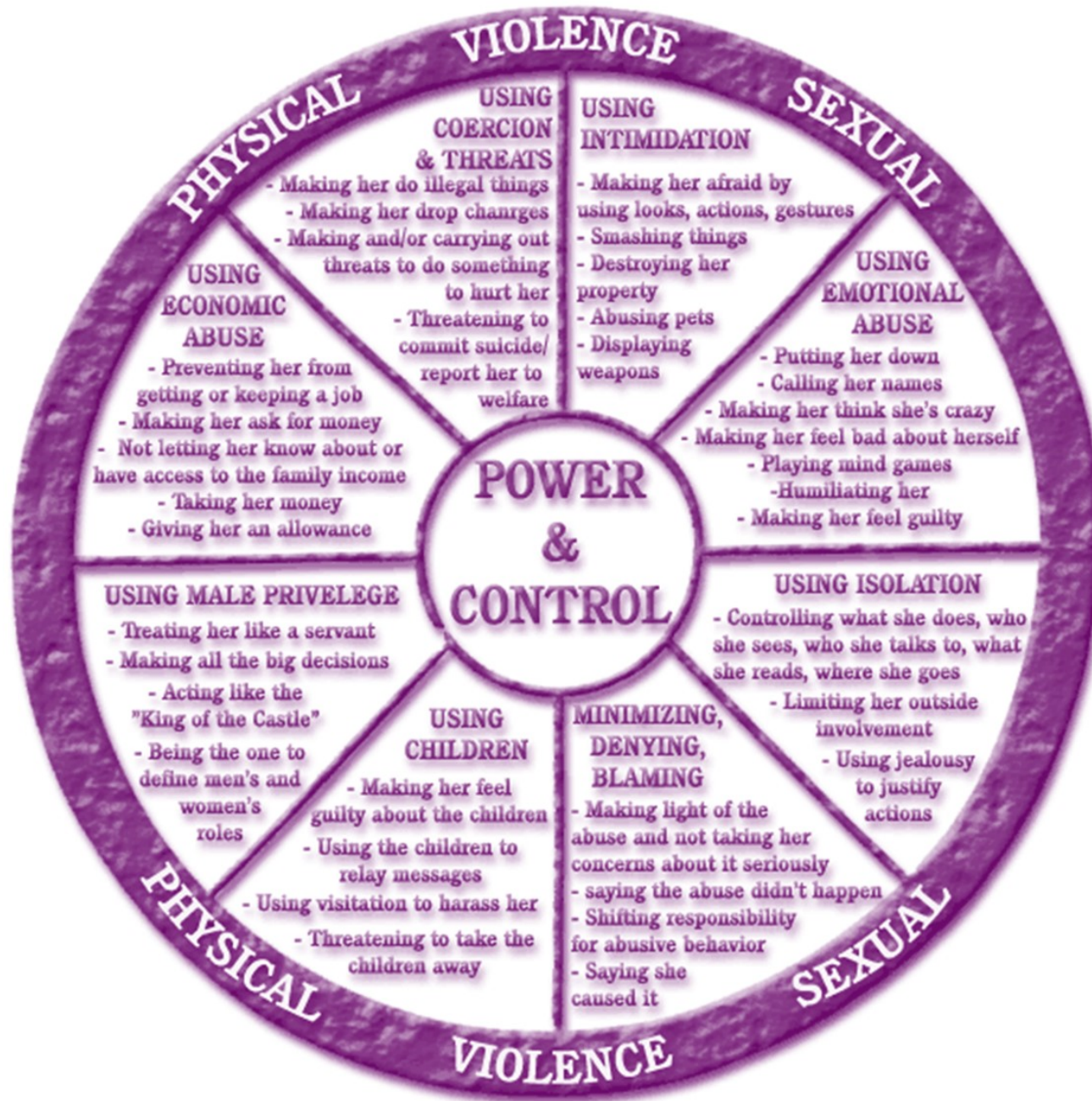
ADVOCACY

- An advocate can help with:
- * Locating financial resources
 - * Court accompaniment
 - * Brainstorming plans for getting away
 - * Anticipating legal needs and resources

SAFETY

If you feel unsafe in your home but are not quite ready to leave, call us to discuss safety planning options that might keep you safe until you are ready. Crisis line is available 24 hours/day!

abuser over their victim. Below is the Power & Control Wheel from the Duluth Program Model. Power & Control begins at the center and is identified through the pieces, starting at Intimidation and ending at the outside circle of Physical and Sexual Violence.



There are many more types of Power & Control Wheels:

Bullying

Pressing Charges

DV & Employment

LGBT Specific

Medical

Mental Health System

Muslim Power

Natural Disasters

Post-Separation

Trafficking

Technology

Teens

Workplace

**This list is not all inclusive. These are all made available by the
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:**

http://www.ncdsv.org/publications_wheel.html

**Safe Space advocates are happy to provide presentations and/or
trainings on any topic above, as well as topics related to stalk-
ing, sexual violence (including harassment and assaults), age
specific topics, and more!**

**Contact Safe Space to request more information on the type of
training or presentation that would be appropriate for your**

grams from January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 in the following 6 counties: Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Powell, Granite, and portions of Jefferson and Madison.

Services and Programs of Safe Space

- Emergency 24 hour Crisis Hotline
- 24 hour information hotline
- Emergency 24 hour staffed Shelter
- Emergency food, clothing, toiletries, and financial assistance
- Emergency Transportation
- On-site advocacy with law enforcement, medical facilities and hospitals, court appearances, case management meetings and more
- Assistance in obtaining Orders of Protections and other civil legal resources
- Referrals to multiple collaborating agencies based on the specific needs of the victims
- Weekly support groups
- On-site advocate at Highland Campus
- Community Family Resource Center
- Assistance in obtaining therapy or counseling
- Goal planning, budgeting, and helping to re-learn other life skills

Agencies, Organizations, Programs Safe Space Collaborates with: (not inclusive)

- 4C's
- AWARE
- Community Health Center
- Family Outreach
- Career Futures
- Emergency Food Bank
- Pre-Release
- Western Montana Mental Health Center
- Connections Corrections
- MCDC
- North American Indian Alliance
- Montana Tech University
- Head Start
- YMCA
- BSB Mental Health Team
- St James Hospital & ER
- Public Housing Authority
- Butte Rescue Mission
- Suited for Success
- All Counties Law Enforcement
- All Counties First Responders (EMT)
- Churches
- Judicial Systems

Domestic violence is an epidemic that thrives in silence, where no one speaks to stop it. In 2014, Safe Space is challenging you to take the **Purple Pledge!**



By painting your pinkies purple for the month of October, you are changing the silence to be a message to abusers:

Domestic Violence Is Not Welcome Here!

First, Paint Your Pinkies Purple and share your purple fun on our Facebook page.

Then, sign your name to our website confirming that you have taken the Purple Pledge to Stop Domestic Violence.

No donation is required, but every donation received can help to save a life. You can send your donation to

Purple Pledge, P. O. Box 594, Butte, MT 59701

This awareness activity is brought to you by:



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Take The Purple Pledge at www.safespaceonline.org

With my Purple Pinkie, I pledge to take a stand and speak out against domestic violence;

To be aware of my potential for violence and recognize that violence is never the answer in my relationships;

To not use intimidation, name calling, threats, or manipulation in my relationships;

To respect my partner's right to be in a violence free relationship;

To be violence free and to hold my friends, family, and community to the same standard;

To educate myself and my loved ones on what Power & Control in an abusive relationship looks like;

To not be a silent bystander, but to educate myself on how to speak out safely against domestic violence;

To report domestic violence that I witness to 9-1-1 immediately;

To teach my children and/or children I am a role model to and influence that strength is not violence, power or control;

To further teach my children and/or children I am a role model to and influence about self-esteem and self-worth;

To support my local domestic violence programs whenever I am able, by sharing the information they provide, volunteering or donating in another way;

To not in any way commit, condone, or ignore domestic violence in its many forms, including verbal, emotional, mental, physical, and sexual.

I further pledge that I will share this challenge with those I know and ask them to also speak out against domestic violence in our community by painting their pinkies purple and honoring the Purple Pledge.

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Take the Purple Pledge at Www.safespaceonline.org!			1 11a-1pm Montana Tech Volunteer Fair 4pm Women's Group	International Day 2 of Non-Violence . The Silent Witnesses Arrive in	3 5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting@ Jacobs House	4 Schedule a DV presentation for you staff or organization by calling
5	Unity Day 6 Silent Witnesses arrive at Highland Campus!	7	SAVE Day! 8 4pm Women's Group	9 5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting@ Jacobs House	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14 Silent Witnesses arrive at Montana Tech Campus!	15 4pm Women's Group	16 5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting@ Jacobs House	17	18
19	20	21	22 4pm Women's Group	23	24	25
26	27 5:30 PM— Volunteer Monthly Social at Jacobs House	28	29 4pm Women's Group 5pm—Set up for Dinner on 24th— Calling all volunteers!	30 14th Annual Officer of the Year Award (Dinner)	31 Happy Halloween Noon— Clean up after Dinner event— Calling all volunteers!	Donate new socks to warm the feet and hearts