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FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

1. 1987 was the first year of honoring victims, survivors and their families by celebrating Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
(<http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/DVAM-history>)
2. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men has been a victim of severe physical domestic violence. It touches each and every one of us, but it's preventable.
(<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/>)
3. Domestic violence does not only occur in heterosexual couples. 43% of lesbian women and 26% of gay men have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
(http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/cdc_nisvs_victimization_final-a.pdf)
4. On Thursday, October 15th, plan to wear purple in celebration of Domestic Violence awareness month and '**Wear Purple Day!**'
5. Many women and their children enter a domestic violence shelter with minimal possessions. Contact your local program today to find out how to donate clothes, toiletries, and other needed items: <http://www.azcadv.org/azcadv2014wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Shelter-and-Services-Resource-List-Revised-on-8.27.2015.pdf>
6. In one day in Arizona 2014, there were 171 unmet requests for domestic violence services, 154 of those for safe housing, due to lack of resources.
(<http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/AZ.pdf>)
7. Native American/Alaskan Indian women and men experience higher rates for intimate partner violence than do women and men from other minority backgrounds.
(http://womenofcolornetwork.org/docs/factsheets/fs_domestic-violence.pdf)
8. Support from individuals is crucial for programs to keep their doors open. Donate to ACESDV or your local shelter today! <http://www.acesdv.org/>
9. For more general information about domestic violence, including potential warning signs for emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline's information page: <http://www.thehotline.org/is-this-abuse/abuse-defined/>

10. Support Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October: www.nrcdv.org/dvam Get free materials, find events, spread the word, and use their artwork.
11. Reminder: Thursday, October 15th is '**Wear Purple Day**' in celebration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
12. Arizona has many local shelters and domestic violence programs that provide safety, counseling, legal help, and other resources for victims and their children. Visit: <http://www.azcadv.org/azcadv2014wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Shelter-and-Services-Resource-List-Revised-on-8.27.2015.pdf> for a list of shelters and DV programs.
13. Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80% more likely to have a stroke. This is a health issue!
(<http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/resources-events/get-the-facts/>)
14. Don't forget tomorrow is '**Wear Purple Day**' in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month!
15. Honor Domestic Violence victims, survivors and their families by wearing Purple today! Don't forget to tag the ACESDV and use the official hashtag: **#AZWearPurpleDay**
16. Domestic violence impacts one out of every two deaf women and one out of every six deaf men. The need for an expanded 24/7 Hotline with available Deaf advocates through the National Domestic Violence Hotline is much needed. Read more on how to donate to expand the hotline hours from 9a-5p to 24/7: <https://whowillanswer.org/>
17. In 2014, there were at least 109 domestic violence related fatalities in Arizona. Visit <http://www.azcadv.org/fatality-reports/> for more information.
18. Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.
(<http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/fvv.pdf>)
19. Violence limits women's ability to manage their reproductive health and exposes them to sexually transmitted diseases. Abuse during pregnancy can have lasting harmful effects for a woman, the developing fetus and newborns. Get the facts on reproductive health and violence against women:
(https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/Maternal_Health/Reproductive_Health_FS.pdf)
20. The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.
(<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipvbook-a.pdf>)
21. Women age 20-24 are at greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence and highest rates of rape and sexual assault.
(<http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/resources-events/get-the-facts/>)

- 22.** Each year women experience 4.8 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes.
(<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf>)
- 23.** Men experience 2.9 million intimate partner related physical attacks each year.
(<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf>)
- 24.** Many men and women involved with controlling partners need and use the help of an outsider to leave the relationship. Yet most of these outsiders never know how much they help, here are things you can say & do to help a domestic violence victim:
<http://www.azcadv.org/abuse-defined/>
- 25.** A 2005 study found that women experiencing physical intimate partner violence victimization reported an average of 7.2 days of work-related lost productivity and 33.9 days in productivity losses associated with household chores, child care, school, volunteer activities, and social/recreational activities. Visit this website:
<http://www.workplacesrespond.org/> for more information on how to address domestic violence in the workplace.
- 26.** A study found women with disabilities, in comparison to women without disabilities, were more likely to report more intense experiences of abuse, including the combination of multiple incidents, multiple perpetrators, and longer duration.
(<https://www.bcm.edu/research/centers/research-on-women-with-disabilities/topics/violence/prevalence>)
- 27.** In 2014, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented 4,093 contacts (phone, chat, email, TTY) from Arizona alone. The top two cities of contacts were from: Phoenix (38%) and Tucson (11%).
(NDVH National Report <http://www.thehotline.org/>)
- 28.** An estimated 10.7% of women & 2.1% of men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
(http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.pdf)
- 29.** In 1972, the first domestic violence shelter was opened. In 2014, 36,608 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
(http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlReport_web.pdf)
- 30.** Economic abuse is a commonly used tactic to gain power and control over an intimate partner. Like other types of abuse, it typically begins subtly and progresses over time. To read more about types of abuse visit: <http://www.azcadv.org/domestic-violence-graphics/types-of-abuse/>
- 31.** Let's continue to bring domestic violence awareness throughout the year. Become involved by visiting: <http://www.azcadv.org/committees/>