

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

How can you help?

HONOR AND RESPECT

- Place a DVAM sign or purple bows in your yard, or illuminate your porch with a purple light. Ask the businesses you frequent to do the same.
- Display an "Empty Place at the Table" at your workplace, school, or event to represent the lives lost to domestic violence. These deaths leave an empty place at the family table, and an empty place in society.
- Contact DVSSP for materials and help with your display! Call 724-223-5477 or email edutrain@peacefromdv.org.

EDUCATE

- Schedule a DVSSP guest speaker for your workplace, faith-based organization, school, or community group.
- Follow us on social media @[peacefromdv](https://www.instagram.com/peacefromdv) and help spread the word by sharing our social media posts all month long. You can also share our print materials, flyers, brochures, etc.

SUPPORT

- Our 19th Annual Peace Begins at Home Dinner is Oct. 15 at Hollywood Casino at the Meadows. Join us as we honor survivors and celebrate those who are working to prevent domestic violence in our communities.
- If you cannot attend the dinner, consider donating to DVSSP to support survivors of domestic violence in southwestern PA.

ACKNOWLEDGE

- **Oct. 16 is PURPLE THURSDAY!** Coordinate an event at your school or workplace to raise awareness. Honor survivors by wearing purple and sharing your photos with the hashtags #DVSSP and #PurpleThursday.

PREVENT

- Contact our Community Impact team at edutrain@peacefromdv.org for DVAM materials or to learn about preventing domestic violence in your community.

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DVSSP

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Serving Washington, Greene, and Fayette counties
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AWARENESS TIMELINE



Date

Task



Sept. 15 – 30

Pick up DVAM materials at DVSSP office* (or make your own!)

- 371 Low Hill Road, Brownsville, PA 15417

- OR -

Pick up materials at DVSSP's weekly donation drop-off sites*

- Faith United Presbyterian in Washington – Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- The Way Community Center in Waynesburg – Wednesdays 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.
- Senior Life Uniontown – Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Sept. 29 – Oct. 1

Decorate trees (or anything available) with bows and/or purple ribbons, and place DVAM yard signs.



All month long during October

Keep decorations looking nice and ensure signs are standing. Place legs of sign deep in ground so sign does not fall over.



Oct. 31

Remove all ribbons, bows, and signs.



Nov. 1 – 9

Keep signs and decorations (if they are in good condition) to use next year. Otherwise, return them to DVSSP.

*Please call 724-223-5477 ext. 110 to confirm before picking up or dropping off materials.



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