

Awareness Bringing Change - the ABC's of DVA



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I can't believe it is time for the second trimester SIP to go out. Throughout the first trimester, I have been sending out emails to our DVA contacts. I also put out a lot of information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Programming Newsletter. Thanks to those of you who have submitted your Fast Starts to me. I am still waiting to receive some official transmittals.

I have been encouraging our states and chapters to use the resources on the web and social media to promote DVA. Our goal is to promote DVA not only to our fellow members but also to our family and friends. We want to promote and spread the word to our community members. We also want to provide support to our local, state, and national DVA agency either monetarily or via tangible donations.

Second Trimester Challenge

My second trimester challenge will be for each chapter and/or state to do some type of project to support a local or state DV agency during October which is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Share pictures and submit transmittals. The electronic submission form can be found at on our USWT website on the DVA page or via this link

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/yJob00cqsd67bxK631bb>

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed every year in October. In 2025, it will begin on October 1st. The month is dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and supporting survivors.

Key aspects of Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

Raising Awareness: Organizations and individuals across the country participate in events and campaigns to educate the public about domestic violence, its various forms, and the resources available to survivors.

Supporting Survivors: DVAM is a time to show support for survivors, honor those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and work towards a future where everyone can live free from abuse.

Purple Thursday: A day during DVAM (often the third Thursday of October) when people wear purple to show their support and solidarity with survivors.

#Every1KnowsSome1: A hashtag used to raise awareness and encourage people to share their stories or messages of support.

Community Engagement: Many organizations host events, workshops, and webinars throughout the month to engage the community in conversations about domestic violence and prevention.

How to get involved:

Attend events: Participate in local events, vigils, or conferences focused on domestic violence awareness.

Wear purple: Show your support by wearing purple on Purple Thursday. ***I would love to see and encourage members to purchase a DVA shirt. Please text or email me a picture of yourself wearing it.***

Share on social media: Use the hashtag #Every1KnowsSome1 and share resources and stories to help spread awareness.

Donate or volunteer: Support organizations that work with survivors by donating or volunteering your time.

Educate yourself and others: Learn about the different forms of domestic violence and how to identify potential warning signs.

Start the conversation: Engage in open and honest conversations about domestic violence with your friends, family, and community.

