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Quarter 4 Town Hall

OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT 3:00PM



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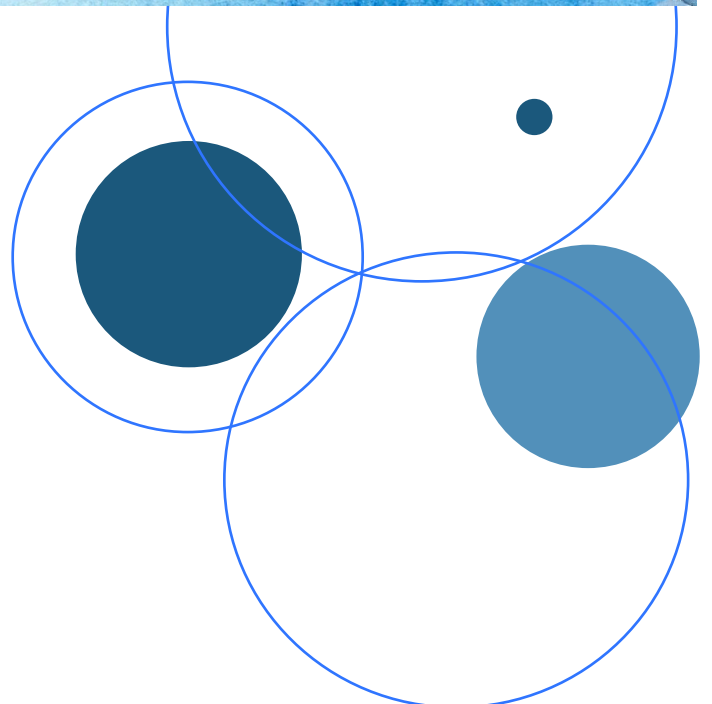
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month





International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

November 18, 2023

Each year, AFSP supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection.

Questions?

Rebecca Salsbury
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724-250-4805

Local Event Information

Countryside Deli Banquet Hall
935 Henderson Avenue Washington,
Pennsylvania

November 18, 2023
9am-2pm

Please register at:

<https://washington-pennsylvania.isosid.afsp.org/>



afsp.org/SurvivorDay



Interested in being a guest columnist and/or being a part of our provider spotlight for an upcoming issue of the Department of Human Services newsletter? Reach out to Rebecca Salsbury at Rebecca.Salsbury@co.washington.pa.us

Center for Community Resources
(CCR)

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1146 W. Chestnut Street, Suite B,
Washington, PA 15301

(724) 914-3058



SHERIFF FUN RUN ZOMBIE 5K

MINGO CREEK COUNTY PARK SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2023

**WALK.
CREEP.
CRAWL**



**REGISTER
HERE**



What's the Buzz at Washington County Department of Human Service

Did you know that the Help Center is right at your fingertips? The Help Center now has an updated app for both android and apple! Utilize the QR code to download now!

Out of the Darkness Walk

On September 30, 2023, the 2nd Annual Out of the Darkness Walk occurred at the Main Street Pavilion in Washington, PA. Individuals gathered in remembrance of a loved ones, a personal struggle and/or to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Participants had the opportunity to visit local community-based providers and organizations during a pre-ceremony resource fair. The opening ceremony consisted of an honor bead ceremony, in which 11 individuals stood united to represent our dedication, commitment and strength as a community to bring suicide prevention out of the darkness and save lives. The top fundraising team, AGH-The Chill Project led the starts of the walk by carrying the banner.

Aging Services-2nd Annual Senior Citizens' Picnic

Information provided by: [Mary Lynn Spilak, Director of Aging Services](#)

It was a beautiful almost Fall day while over 300 older residents attended the 2nd Annual Senior Citizens' Picnic hosted by Aging Services of Washington County, Metz Culinary, SWPA Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and Washington Area Senior Citizens Center, Inc. Seniors from ten (10) Centers and Satellite Centers came ready to enjoy the day. The Stone Pavilion of Washington Park was the perfect location for a picnic lunch, games and a wellness walk ending with music from Pittsburgh's Prince of Doo Wop, Jack Nicora. Raffle baskets were bid on and door prizes were awarded to lucky attendees. A special thank you to Range Resources for providing entertainment and to Deans water, who dated the water for the day.



Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

AMI, Inc. 14th Annual Poetry and Fine Art Show is scheduled for October 20 from 11am-6pm. This year's event will occur at Venue 54 located at 54 W. Wheeling Street Washington, PA 15301. The award ceremony will occur at 2pm.

Currently, three request for proposals are posted:

1. **Proposals for the provision of a 24/7 Mental Health Residential Program for transition of age youth 18-29** in Washington County PA. These proposals will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, PA 15301, until **11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and immediately opened and read aloud therein. **Names only to be read aloud.** These proposals are being accepted by Washington County on behalf of its' Department of BHDS. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**
2. **Proposals for the provision of a Mental Health Supportive Housing Program** for individuals seeking housing within the community. These proposals will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, PA 15301, until **11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and immediately opened and read aloud therein. **Names only to be read aloud.** These proposals are being accepted by Washington County on behalf of its' Department of BHDS. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**
3. **Proposals for the provision of a 24/7 Mental Health Residential Program** for SMI diagnosed individuals aged 18-60 in Washington County PA. These proposals will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, PA 15301, until **11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and immediately opened and read aloud therein. **Names only to be read aloud.** These proposals are being accepted by Washington County on behalf of its' Department of BHDS. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**

The above-mentioned RFP document may be obtained from the Washington County website at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving RFP documents from the website are responsible for checking for contract changes at the website.

Children and Youth Services

Washington County Children and Youth Services has launched their Helping Hands Holiday Gift Drive benefiting children and families served by Washington County Children and Youth Services. There are many ways to help! Provide a new gift, host a drive at your office or coordinate donations from your family, groups and/or organizations.

Save the Date
For the 14th Annual AMI, Inc.
Poetry and Fine Art Show

October 20th, 2023
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
at
Venue 54
54 West Wheeling Street
Washington PA, 15301

Sponsored By:

- Washington County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- Chamber's Insurance Agency
- NAMI - Washington Chapter
- Family Wealth Management Group, LLC
- New Directions Mental Health
- Mental Health Association of Washington County
- Palermo/Kissinger & Associates
- Where the Wildflowers Grow - Women's Support Group
- Ronald McCartney

Free Admission & Complimentary Meal for all Patrons

Lend a hand to help a child who has experienced abuse or neglect have a magical holiday!

HELPING HANDS

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Benefiting Children & Families
Served by
Washington County
Children & Youth Services



Gifts needed for children and teens, ages birth to 18 years old.
New rolls of wrapping paper and large gift bags are also needed.

Shop online:

Scan or click the link to connect to an Amazon Holiday Wish List to purchase items for a child and ship items directly to the Agency.



Shop in store - and drop off new, unwrapped gifts at:

Crossroads Building
95 W. Beau St.
November 1st - December 9th
Collection boxes on the 1st floor
or at
Washington County Fairgrounds
December 4th 8:30am - 6:30pm

There are many ways to help!

Provide a new gift, host a drive at your office, or coordinate other donations from your family, group, or organization.

Call for more information:

Kate Grant: 724-250-4154 or Barb Mullen: 724-250-4128

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Imagine a world where no one is assaulted in their own home, and children don't have the experience of watching a parent being harmed. Imagine a world where everyone is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve in their relationships. What would you do to make that vision a reality?

#Every1KnowsSome1 affected by domestic violence, and everyone has the power to create change and can make a difference toward ending domestic violence in our communities. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (#DVAM) and at Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, we believe that through awareness and education, we can change how people think about domestic violence, and ultimately prevent it. But we need your help to do it.

Here are some ways you can get involved this #DVAM and raise awareness:

- Follow DVSSP on social media @peacefromdv and share our daily #DVAM posts with friends and family with the hashtag #Every1KnowsSome1.
- Schedule a speaker from DVSSP for your school, workplace, faith-based organization, or community group.
- Display a #DVAM yard sign or purple bow or install a purple porch light at your home or business. Set an "Empty Place at the Table" at your workplace or event to represent the lives lost to domestic violence.
- Join DVSSP on Oct. 18 at the 17th Annual Peace Begins at Home Dinner in Canonsburg. Get all the details at peacefromdv.org.
- #GiveForDV by donating to support local survivors at peacefromdv.org/donate-now.
- Wear purple on Oct. 19, which is #PurpleThursday, and encourage everyone at your workplace or school to do the same. Post your photos on social media using the hashtags #PurpleThursday, #Every1KnowsSome1, and #DVSSP.

You can get more information about #DVAM at peacefromdv.org/dvam or contact DVSSP at 724-223-5477 or via email at edutrain@peacefromdv.org to schedule a speaker or for yard signs, bows, brochures, and other #DVAM materials.

With your help, we can change the conversation about domestic violence, support survivors, and work toward our goal of eliminating domestic violence in southwestern PA.

A Harvest of Hope



DVSSP'S 17TH ANNUAL

PEACE BEGINS AT HOME DINNER

OCTOBER 18, 2023 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
HILTON GARDEN INN SOUTHPOINTE

DVSSP
Domestic Violence Services
of Southwestern PA



SCAN QR CODE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS
OR TO MAKE A
DONATION.

Find us on social media @peacefromdv

peacefromdv.org

**EVERY1
KNOWS
SOME1**
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
GiveForDV

OCTOBER IS
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

October 19 is #PurpleThursday!



Join the national movement to raise awareness of domestic violence and stand with survivors by wearing purple on #PurpleThursday, October 19!

Why purple?

Wearing purple is an easy way to raise awareness and support survivors!

How can you participate?

- Post and encourage others to post too! Use hashtags #PurpleThursday, #DVSSP, and #Every1KnowsSome1.
- Follow! Share! Help us raise awareness all month long!

Find us on social media @peacefromdv



DVSSP
Domestic Violence Services
of Southwestern PA

24/7 hotline: 800-791-4000
peacefromdv.org

Get more info about Domestic Violence Awareness Month at peacefromdv.org/DVAM!

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Visit peacefromdv.org/DVAM to get involved!