

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2011

As many of you know, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is a time to honor victims and raise awareness about the devastating impact of domestic violence (DV). The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Women's Health are working collaboratively to help raise awareness of an issue that is affecting American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women at epidemic levels. Although DV impacts people of all races and ages, the highest rate of intimate partner violence is experienced in AI/AN communities.

Please join us in supporting DV Awareness Month by participating in the following events:

The Impact of Domestic Violence in Tribal Communities

October 26 from 12-1:30pm
901 D Street, SW
Aerospace Building Room 4W2
Washington, DC 20024

This working lunch learning session will highlight the following:

- The FVPSA and the IHS DV programs
- How domestic violence impacts Tribal communities
- DV Awareness Month activities within Tribal communities
- How past federal collaboration have supported health and wellness in Tribal communities and what we can do to help

Wear Purple Day

October 27

Please join us in remembering and supporting DV victims and survivors by wearing the color purple.

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2008). Adverse health conditions and health risk behaviors associated with intimate partner violence-United States, 2005. *MMWR*, 57(05) 113-117. Retrieved March 2, 2011, from <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5705a1.htm>

²Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Database.

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39% of AI/AN women have experienced intimate partner violence¹

AI/AN women are five times more likely to die from DV-related injuries²

