



Osceola County DV  
Task Force

**Osceola County DV Task Force and Help Now of Osceola  
Presents  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2016**

OCTOBER 2016



**September**

- 22 **CITY OF ST. CLOUD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION –**  
City of St. Cloud City Hall Commissioners Chambers, 6:30 pm.

**October**

**3rd ANNUAL CENTRAL FLORIDA HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP PREACH-IN**

Help Now of Osceola along with other counties have joined together to invite the faith based community to spread the word on Healthy Relationships. Faith Leaders are first responders in many cases. Religious communities are exposed to and impacted by domestic violence that occurs in the homes and lives of members of their congregation. We recognize that communities of faith and religious leaders can be valuable resources for victims and families in crisis. Please join our Healthy Relationship Preach-In Campaign. If you are interested in committing to this campaign, please send your information to [evelynhj@helpnowshelter.org](mailto:evelynhj@helpnowshelter.org). To view the flyer [click here](#) and to view the sermons [click here](#).

- 3 **OSCEOLA COUNTY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION - Osceola County Administration Bldg., Commission Chambers, 1:30 pm.**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA "LIGHT UP THE NIGHT"** - Join us in recognizing victims and survivors of intimate partner violence. You will hear personal stories, learn about campus and community resources, and enjoy live entertainment. **Your attendance will help raise awareness, promote involvement, and put an end to violence in the UCF community.** Pegasus Ballroom, UCF Student Union, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information, please contact Lauren Portal at 407-823-6333.
- 4 **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION-** School Board meeting at the School District Administrative Complex, 5:30 pm.
- 5 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE MEETING - Kissimmee Police Department, Noon, come be a part of the Osceola County's Team against Domestic Violence. Together we can make a Difference!**
- 6 **RALLY/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MARCH/ CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -** Come out and join us in a community event to jump start Domestic Violence Awareness Month! The Rally will begin at the Osceola County Courthouse in Downtown Kissimmee with messages from survivors and community advocates to end violence against women and children. The march takes place through the streets of Kissimmee and will end with the candlelight vigil at the Kissimmee Police Department as we honor those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence and shine a light of hope for current survivors in our community. Join us and pledge your support to Stop the Violence! [Click here](#) to go to our facebook event page. See you at the **Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information please call 407-847-3286.**
- 11 **HOW THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE – Kissimmee Civic Center. 7pm-9pm** Help Now of Osceola in partnership with Women Empowerment Leadership Development Group invites the members of the Islamic Faith to attend this workshop. Program Participants will be able to recognize the indicators and types of abuse, gain an understanding of the Florida Statutes concerning Domestic Violence, and will be provided with information on the Local, State and National resources for victims of Domestic Abuse. **For more information or to register go to [www.helpnowshelter.org](http://www.helpnowshelter.org) ; or you can call 407-847-3286.**
- 15 **HELP NOW FUNDRAISER – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak and Lobsterfest, Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spurs Lane, Kissimmee, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. For more information [click here](#) or for ticket information [click here](#).**
- 18 **CITY OF KISSIMMEE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – City Hall Commission Chambers, 6:00 pm.**



- 20 **HELP NOW LUNCH AND LEARN – FAIR HOUSING AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR -** A.D. Escander, Fair Housing Specialist with Fair Housing Continuum, Inc. and Eunice M. Caussade-Garcia Clinical Instructor, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, College of Law, will discuss fair housing and landlord tenant laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the homeless and domestic violence. Please contact Help Now Outreach Office at 407-847-3286 to reserve a seat. **Join us and bring your own lunch to Kissimmee Police Department, 8 N Stewart Ave, Kissimmee, FL 34741 Noon to 2:00 pm.**
- 21 **WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES®:** Come join us as Osceola County participates in “walk a mile in her shoes.” This event is in support of the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence. The event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediation to men’s sexualized violence against women. It will take place **Downtown St. Cloud 6:00pm - 8:00pm. For men and supportive friends interested in participating [click here](#) to check out our flyer or you can call 407-847-3286.**
- 25 **PURPLE TIE TUESDAY! CALLING ALL MEN...DON'T STAND BY.....STAND UP!!** Purple Tie Tuesday is a call to action for all men who are dedicated to stopping domestic violence. Help Now is asking men and boys across Osceola County and the tri-county area to wear a purple tie on this day to demonstrate their support and commitment to ending domestic abuse. Women are encouraged to support the men by wearing ties/scarves as well. To view flyer [click here](#). **Take your group photos and tag Help Now of Osceola, Inc Facebook Page or email photos to [andieh@helpnowshelter.org](mailto:andieh@helpnowshelter.org).**
- 26 **FLASHMOB DANCE** – Join us for this fun event in raising awareness of domestic abuse – In front of the **Osceola County Court Administration Building. Noon**
- 28 **ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE – Family Violence: Understanding the IMPACT.** Help Now and the Osceola Domestic Violence Task Force invite you join them in their Annual Domestic Violence Conference at Osceola Heritage Park, Extentsion Services. Come and learn about the effects of domestic violence on the families and those around them. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Conference is from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. **For registration and to view the agenda [click here](#) or call 407-847-3286 for more information.**
- 31 **RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE – SITE TBA** Help Now of Osceola with the Interfaith Council will provide a panel of Faith Based Leaders to speak about domestic and dating abuse. Participants will learn best practices that they can provide to help the survivors and their families of abuse. **For more information or to register go to [www.helpnowshelter.org](http://www.helpnowshelter.org) or call 407-847-3286.**



**POSTER CONTEST:** All Middle Schools and High Schools Students in Osceola County are welcome to participate! Criteria for Posters: Theme - DRAW A DAY WITHOUT VIOLENCE, minimum size is 8 x 10, due **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. Winners will be judged based on Creativity & Originality. Prizes will be awarded after the conference on October 28th! Winning posters will be recognized at various venues throughout the county. For more information, contact Orbi Rosario at [orbir@helpnowshelter.org](mailto:orbir@helpnowshelter.org)

**Celebration Community Presbyterian Church's Pumpkin Patch**

*October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Proceeds from this great family fundraiser benefits Help Now in order to provide much needed services for survivors of Domestic Violence.*

*To view the flyer [click here](#)*



*City of Kissimmee Downtown area and the City of St. Cloud Lakefront will actively participating with illuminating their communities in PURPLE LIGHTS.*



**Purple Light Nights™** All residents are asked to shine a purple light on every front porch; hang a string of purple lights in every business window; and decorate each downtown street tree with purple lights, to send the message that

***“Domestic Violence Has NO Place In Our Community”.***