



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The intention is to spread awareness about living with Domestic Violence (DV) and how the system can create barriers for victims and survivors of DV.

Community Accountability: Recognizing Intersectionality in Our DDBDDHH* Community

From Austin, TX, ADWAS is thrilled to bring Najma S. Johnson and De'Lasha Singleton from Together All in Solidarity (TAS) to Seattle to present a workshop on intersectionality within the Deaf, DeafBlind, Deaf & disAbled, and Hard of Hearing Community. This event will be presented in ASL only. We encourage community members, educators, interpreters, and service providers to join us for an afternoon full of important dialogue regarding our DDBDDHH community.

Take a look at the [vlog](#). Read more about the presenters:



[Najma S. Johnson](#)



[De'Lasha Singleton](#)

Portrait photos of Najma on left from the waist up, wearing silver hoop earrings and a hat with arms crossed looking at the camera. De'Lasha is pictured from chest up smiling at the camera wearing a light v-necked sweater and hoop earrings.

When: Saturday, November 7, 2015

Time: 1 pm to 5 pm

Where: Century Square Building

1501 4th Ave Suite 2130

Seattle, WA 98101

FREE ADMISSION

(Childcare provided upon request)

Donations will be accepted at the door.

DeafBlind interpreter requests by October 23rd

To RSVP, contact: Rhonda@adwas.org or 206.922.7090

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN THEIR SHOES?



Come and become a different person during the activity for a few hours and experience what it's like to be a survivor of domestic violence going through the system. You can do it alone, with a partner or in a group. You (and/or with your partner/group) will be assigned a "character" and go through a journey of "choices".

Visit the Social Security office, find housing, apply for a job, have children, etc. and meet with different people at each "location" to find your way out of your abusive relationship. The choices you make are yours and each choice will give you different results each time.

What choices are you left with, and what will you do if you were in their shoes? We will have a survivors panel during the program. Survivors of DV will have the opportunity to share their experiences with going through the system, what barriers they were faced with, and how they got to where they are today.

TRIGGER WARNING: This event might be triggering to some people. There will be characters in this role-playing game experience who experience abuse and the character might experience death. Also the stories the actual survivors share may be triggering during the panel. We will have an advocate on-site to provide support if needed. Please e-mail anna@adwas.org if you have any questions or concerns.

WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2015

4 PM - 8 PM

Survivors Panel: 6 PM

WHERE: Hearing Speech Deafness Center

1625 19th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

FREE ADMISSION. CHILDCARE AVAILABLE.

Email all of your questions and requests to anna@adwas.org. Thank you HSDC for providing the space and your support!

[READ MORE](#)

Featured Program: **HOTLINE**

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) is available to Deaf callers across the nation. ADWAS partners with NDVH, whose headquarters is located in Austin, TX, to provide this valuable service for Deaf callers nationwide.

Deaf NDVH advocates at ADWAS answer videophone calls, instant messages and emails Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, PST.

Deaf advocates, because of their experience working in the field of domestic violence for Deaf survivors and their extensive training, are uniquely able to provide crisis intervention, education, information and referrals for Deaf callers.

ADWAS can listen, provide information and referrals, do domestic violence education and brainstorm with callers with different ways to keep safe and do formal safety planning.

ADWAS also can work with Deaf and hearing friends and family member of Deaf survivors. ADWAS provides support, education and technical assistance for hearing domestic violence programs and shelters to improve their accessibility for Deaf survivors who need their services.

Deaf advocates additionally provide outreach within the Deaf community to spread awareness of this special program and information about how and when to reach us.

FACT: Deaf individuals are 150% more likely to be victims of assault, abuse and bullying in their lifetime.

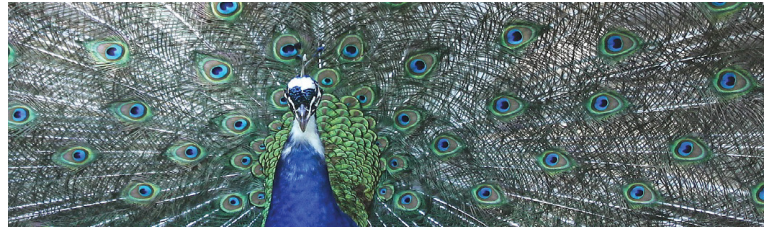
FACT: 31% of Deaf men and women experience emotional abuse.

Deaf Parent Support Group

Linda Goldman, Positive Deaf Parenting Coordinator, wants to let you know that ADWAS will offer a support group for Deaf parents. The support group started this week and will continue to December 2, 2015 on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Get new ideas for how to parent more effective and more enjoyable. Meet other Deaf parents and share ideas. There will be game and art group activities for the kids while the parents meet.

To sign up for the support group, please email linda@adwas.org.

Hope & Justice Auction Gala



(Photo of a peacock)

Join us on Saturday, October 24, 2015 for our annual fundraising Hope & Justice Auction Gala. All proceeds benefit Deaf and DeafBlind survivors of domestic/sexual violence. Dinner, live and silent auction to support ADWAS in ending violence in our community.

Bell Harbor International Conference Center
2211 Alaskan Way
Seattle, WA 98121

Patron Ticket: \$150

Individual Ticket: \$110

[PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS](#)

ADWAS IS HIRING!

Are you passionate about helping others? Do you work well with diverse groups of people and do you want to make a change in the world?

You're in luck because – ADWAS IS HIRING! We are looking to fill two positions: DONOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR and BUILDING MANAGER. If you are interested and think you are qualified, please [review](#) the job description and either mail or email your resume, cover letter, three letters of reference, and [application](#) to Tiffany Williams at tiffany@adwas.org. All positions are open until filled.

ADWAS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Survivors of interpersonal violence, persons of color, and LGBTQ-identified persons are encouraged to apply.

Cycle the WAVE



On the left, the ADWAS team: Patty and Ariele (two females in cycling outfits) posed for the camera. They cycled with other cyclists at the 8th "Cycle the WAVE (Women Against Violence Everywhere)," a fully supported, non-competitive, all-women's cycling event. This event's goal is to increase awareness of domestic violence on Sept. 20, 2015.

#PurpleThursday

Join us Thursday, October 22 by wearing or displaying purple to raise awareness about domestic violence. Share a photo using the hashtag #PurpleThursday.

Join us and use #PurpleThursday as YOUR opportunity to get involved, take a stand against domestic violence, and express your solidarity with survivors of domestic violence and their families. Email anna@adwas.org to share your photo on our Facebook page!

Anna's Self-Care Tip



Headshot of Anna smiling at the camera in a patterned top and eyeglasses. Blue paper flowers in the background

Anna Bracilano, Community Engagement Coordinator, has a great tip for you: Do you feel like your life is stuck in a rut?

You can change around your furniture, artwork or items in your bedroom or living room for a new perspective.

SAVE THE DATE

What Would You do In Their Shoes?	Oct 10, 2015
Wear Purple	Oct 22, 2015
Hope & Justice Auction Gala	Oct 24, 2015
Community Accountability Workshop	Nov 7, 2015



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Did You Know...

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How your old car can bring new life!

Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or [donate](#) online at their website.



If you decide to donate your vehicle:

- It will be picked up free of charge
- It will be sold at auction or older vehicles can be sold for parts
- Proceeds will go to Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services
- You will receive a receipt entitling you to a tax deduction

National Domestic Violence Hotline Information

Deaf advocates available M-F, 9-5 (PST)

IM: DeafHotline

Email: deafhelp@thehotline.org

VP: 1-855-812-1001

(Hearing advocates at the National Domestic Violence Hotline are on duty 24 hours:

1-800-787-3224 (TTY) or 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) (Voice)

If you live in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties...

24-hour Local Deaf Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Line

VP: (206) 812-1001

Email: hotline@adwas.org

24 hours - 7 days a week