

YWCA of Greater Lawrence
Domestic Violence Awareness Month—October 2011
 Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Description	Time	Location	Contact
Sept-26 th	"March of the Brides"	Commemorative march in memory of Gladys Ricart and all victims of domestic violence in Mass. who have lost their lives over the past year. <i>Female participants encouraged to wear wedding gown or dress in white, while male participants are encouraged to wear black.</i>	3:30—7:00pm	Plaza 114 in So. Lawrence, MA., ending at Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA	Wendy Luzon (978) 975-3300 Vilma Lora (978) 687-0331
October	Information table	Domestic Violence information & local resources available.	Throughout the month of October	*Lawrence Senior Center *NECC *YWCA of Gr. Lawrence	Vilma Lora (978) 687-0331
October	Lawrence V-Day "Clothesline Project"	Growing collection of t-shirts designed by survivors of violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault, their families and friends. (See description on the reverse side)	Throughout the month of October	Northern Essex Community College (NECC) Lawrence Campus	Flor Maldonado (978) 682-3039
October	Informative Palm Cards	Distribution of Jane Doe, Inc. palm cards to area police departments, containing information and resources on domestic violence to be further distributed to victims of this crime.	Throughout the month of October	Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover Police Depts.	Nancy Cruz (978) 687-0331
October 8 th	"Men Against Violence" Softball Tournament	Hosted by Delamano, Inc., this tournament helps raise awareness about domestic violence among men and families.	All day event beginning at 10:00am	O'Neill Park Lawrence, MA	Wendy Luzon (978) 975-3300
October 13 th	5 th Annual "Celebrating Women's Safety & Wellness"	5th Annual "Celebrating Women's Safety & Wellness" Special event for women to celebrate their lives while increasing awareness around safety, health and wellness through a variety of activities, including relaxation, self-care promotion, and healing art activities. Refreshments, Dinner and Door Prizes!!	5:30—8:00pm Registration required. Space Limited to 60 Participants!	Lawrence Senior Center 155 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA	Claudia Brienza (978) 687-0331 To register, call (978) 620-340
October 20 th	Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Breakfast	Hosted by the Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett Featured Speaker: Dina Bunting, a victim of domestic violence who will share her compelling story of survival.	9:30—11am Must RSVP by Oct. 13 th	Peabody City Hall Auditorium Peabody	Debbie MacGregor (978) 745-6610 ext. 5081
October 21 st , 28 th & November 4 th	Batterers' Intervention Program Certification Training	A Three-day (3 consecutive Fridays) Mass. Dept. of Public Health approved certification training for individuals who are concerned about domestic violence and men who batter.	8:00am—4:30pm Registration required. Space Limited to 50 Participants!	Holy Family Hospital Methuen, MA	Doug Gaudette (978) 989-0607 ext. 12
October 26 th	"Learning Together: Self-Defense Training for Mothers & Daughters"	Workshop led by IMPACT Boston. Participants will learn a variety of skills to improve their ability to respond to potentially dangerous situations, including how to resist intimidation, avoid altercations, and to assert themselves in the face of uncertainty in simulated scenarios. Workshop will be bilingual both in English and Spanish.	6:00—8:00pm Registration required. Space Limited to 40 Participants ages 12 and up!	YWCA FINA House 205 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA	Flor Maldonado YWCA of Gr. Lawr. (978) 682-3039
October 26 th	Shining the Light After the Violence	A Workshop for healthcare practitioners and others who are concerned about domestic violence and collaborative intervention strategies. \$25 Registration fee. CEUs available. <i>Presented by Family Safety Project.</i>	8:00am—12:00pm	Holy Family Hospital's Auditorium 70 East Street Methuen, MA	Doug Gaudette (978) 989-0607 ext. 12

Collaborators: City of Lawrence, The Mayor's Health Task Force, YWCA of Greater Lawrence, HealthQuarters, Holy Family Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence Senior Center, Lawrence Dept. of Transitional Assistance Domestic Violence Unit, and Delamano, Inc.

Project Descriptions

The March of the Brides—celebrated annually on September 26th, this event is held in memory of Gladys Ricart, a young Dominican woman who was killed by her estranged boyfriend in her New Jersey home the day of her wedding on this date in 1999, while she posed for pictures in her wedding gown. The march will begin at 9:30am at Plaza 114 in So. Lawrence and will end across Lawrence City Hall with local speakers and a vigil in memory of women, men and children killed as a result of domestic violence thus far in 2011. This event is organized by Delamano, Inc., in collaboration with the YWCA of Greater Lawrence Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault & Rape Crisis Programs, the City of Lawrence Mayor's Health Task Force, and the Lawrence Senior Center.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display of shirts with messages and illustrations that have been designed by survivors of violence or by someone who knows a woman who has been killed due to violence. The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate woman's strength to survive and to provide another avenue for her to courageously break the silence that often surrounds her experience.

The shirts are color coded to show the form of abuse and whether the victim survived the abuse they experience.

White represents women who died because of violence;

Yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women;

Red, pink, and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual abuse;

Blue and green represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse;

Purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation;

Black is for women attacked for political reasons.

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