



Osceola County
Domestic Violence
Task Force



Help Now of Osceola, Inc.



SEPTEMBER

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SPEAKING OUT HELPING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN: SPIRITUALLY, MENTALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY: Against Domestic Violence/Abuse Come join SHE ENTERPRISE & Sister To Sister Event. This event is inviting survivors to “Let’s meet up! share! cry! and empower each other by speaking out against this silence killer. Come if you have been through an abusive relationship, **knows** someone who is going through it, and/or is wondering whether they’re going through it. The event will be held at Kissimmee Destiny Church, 961 Armstrong Boulevard, Unit A, 2:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information call: 407-870-1594 or [click here](#)

OCTOBER

4th 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. For more information [click here](#)

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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.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION- School Board meeting at the School District Administrative Complex, 5:30 pm.

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HELP NOW LUNCH AND LEARN - “Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Within the Veteran Population” Ms. Viviana Figueroa, LCSW, BCD, Veterans Affairs Domestic Violence Coordinator
Goal: To learn about the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) approach to working with Veterans experiencing domestic-intimate partner violence or utilizing 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.**

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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! 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. To view flyer [click here](#) .

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OSCEOLA COUNTY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION - Osceola County Administration Bldg., Commission Chambers, 1:30 pm.

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

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ORLANDO VETERAN’S AFFAIRS DV AWARENESS MONTH EVENT - This is an Intimate Partner Violence Awareness event which takes place every year to promote education and awareness of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence. VA has historically served approximately 65-80 Veterans during this event. Come meet vendors and providers in our local area where you can obtain information and educational items. If interested, in being a part of this event contact Viviana Figueroa (407) 631-4097 or Viviana.Figueroa@va.gov. Orlando VAMC Lake Nona Hospital on the clinic side in the lobby area from 9am– 2pm. For more information [click here](#)

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CITY OF KISSIMMEE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION–City Hall Commission Chambers, 6:00 pm.

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FACES OF CHANGE – Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event provided to you by the *Change of Today Group*. Residents and community neighbors **Come and Join** Help Now of Osceola, Inc. and learn how to identify the many faces of Domestic Abuse. Hear about safety tips to protect yourself and those you love. Listen to an incredible survivor’s testimony, become aware of local resources and create a foundation for healthy relationships. Space is limited. For more information and to reserve a seat, please contact Tiffany Monge at changeoftoday@gmail.com or 407-785-5959. Walden Apartment’s - Community Room, 2101 Walden Park Circle, Kissimmee, Fl. 34744, 12pm-4pm.

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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 as well. Take your group photos and tag Help Now of Osceola, Inc. Facebook Page or email photos to info@helpnowshelter.org.

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ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE – The Impact of TECHNOLOGY In Abusive Relationships. Help Now and the Osceola Domestic Violence Task Force invite you join them in their Annual Domestic Violence Conference at Osceola Heritage Park, Extension Services. Come and learn about the use of technology and how that affects domestic violence victim/survivors and children. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Conference is from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. For registration, visit www.helpnowshelter.org or call 407-847-3286 for more information.

Celebration Community Presbyterian Church’s
PUMPKIN PATCH
October 1st through October 31th.
Proceeds from this great family fundraiser
benefits Help Now in order to provide much
needed services for survivors of
Domestic Violence.
Site to be Determined.

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 in every business window, and decorate each downtown street tree
with purple lights, to send a message that
“Domestic Violence Has NO Place in Our Community!”

A calendar of monthly events is available for you on the web site www.helpnowshelter.org. Calendar is provided for you by the Osceola County Domestic Violence Task Force and its’ supporting members. If you are a person requiring special accommodations to participate in any of these events, please email your request two weeks prior to the event to evelynhj@helpnowshelter.org.