

As **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)** kicks off, experts and those who work with victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence across the nation are planning *DVAM* events that educate the public, inspire action, and tell victims about the help and services that are available. While *DVAM* activities come in all shapes and sizes, the goals are often the same: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence, the need for prevention, and the services that are available to victims and their families.

There is still time to plan activities. Readers have shared the following examples of **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** events that can be replicated or adapted to meet your program's needs, goals, budgets and time constraints. The Family Violence Prevention Fund thanks the readers who generously shared their plans! Feel free to contact the event organizers to learn more about how to organize activities like these. (Editors regret that we were not able to include all the creative, unique and powerful events being planned for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. What follows is a representative sample of the submissions.)

INVOLVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Desiree R. Heskett, Project Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Program of the [Kaw Nation](#), based out of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Tulsa's [FACES](#) program are hosting a presentation at the Kanza Clinic on October 13 – **HEALTH CARES ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAY**. In less than a month, Heskett organized the short presentation that addresses domestic violence and health care workers, and issues regarding full faith and credit. Heskett plans to set up booths at two health/craft fairs to spread the word about the new program. She said, "I look forward to getting the word out that I will be providing trainings and public awareness campaigns throughout the next two years!" **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [DESIREE HESKETT](#) AT 580-762-4477.**