

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Candlelight vigils, brown bag lunches, and community walks and runs are among the dozens of community activities scheduled across the state in October to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The annual campaign began in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to connect battered women's advocates who were working to end violence against women and children. The NFL's fumbled response to Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice's arrest for domestic abuse gives added meaning to this year's events by focusing more attention to an issue that is pervasive not just in the NFL, but throughout our nation.

The Office of Family Violence urges all Virginians to say NO MORE to domestic violence by supporting their community activities. We each play an important role in ending domestic violence for the next generation.

NOMORE is a new symbol that's spotlighting an invisible problem in a whole new way. It's the first unifying symbol to express support for ending domestic violence and sexual assault. It can be used by anyone who wants to end domestic violence and sexual assault. Visit www.nomore.org and learn more.

Activities scheduled for Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

Date	Location	Event
Various	Charlottesville, Virginia	DVAM Events
10/16/2014	Richmond, Virginia	Brown Bag Lunch Education series
10/18/2014	Ashland, Virginia	Ashland Harvest Run & Pumpkin Walk
10/19/2014	Virginia Beach	Stop the Violence, Start the Healing 5K
10/23/2014	Richmond, Virginia	Brown Bag Lunch Education series

For additional events, contact your local domestic violence program.