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WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

Lifting Up Voices

June 15, 2020

Elder Abuse Virtual Training 🎗️ **Monday, June 15** 🎗️ **1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Join DVACK for a free virtual training via Zoom to learn about the warning signs and types of elder abuse, in addition to tips on preventing elder abuse! Reserve your spot by sending an RSVP email to courtneyt@dvack.org or by registering here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-abuse-awareness-tickets-105988522524>

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

Elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a “trusted” individual that causes (or potentially causes) harm to an older person.

WHY DOES ELDER ABUSE OCCUR?

Elder abuse is more common than we think. Many conditions can increase the risk of elder abuse in our communities such as missing or weak elder abuse awareness, trainings and social support services. By strengthening these activities, we can prevent elder abuse and make sure all of us have the opportunity to thrive as we age.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IF WE SUSPECT ELDER ABUSE?

Report concerns.

Reporting elder abuse can be intimidating, but it is the right thing to do. It is everyone’s responsibility to prevent and address elder abuse. In cases of immediate danger, call 911. Otherwise, you can call Eldercare Locator at **1-800-677-1116** to be connected to a local reporting agency.

For more information on agencies that can help, visit <https://ncea.acl.gov> and click on Get Help or call **1-855-500-3537** (ELDR).



DVACK & COVID-19

DVACK's emergency safe shelter and hotline remain open. We are working on getting our outreach services back up and going! While transitioning, we are offering outreach services via phone and video.

If clients have specific needs, they are welcome to call their advocate.

Thank you to our clients and community for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.



DVACK Donation Needs

During COVID-19, DVACK has distributed almost all of its personal care item donations to our clients.

We are out of and in need of the following items:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Hair Gel/Spray
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- New Pillows

Meet DVACK's Chief Financial Officer, Jerrica Wallace!



Jerrica has worked with DVACK for 12 years. She is DVACK's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This means she handles all of DVACK's accounts and transactions. Jerrica's journey with DVACK began when she volunteered for the organization in 2006. Two years and a college degree later, Jerrica felt a calling to come back; lucky for us, we had a position that was a perfect fit! Since working here, she has seen and been a huge part of DVACK's budget quadrupling and staff size doubling. Through her role, she also played a large part in the creation of our new facility. We are so grateful for her contributions. She plans on working here for many more years and hopes to see the organization continue to grow! She has lived her work life by this quote and believes DVACK does it justice: "Your job is not to judge. Your job is not to figure out if someone deserves something. Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore the broken, and to heal the hurting."

Jerrica, THANK YOU for always being there for us all! You will always go that extra mile for us. You have a big heart, and we appreciate you!

-Jolene Martinez, Shelter Manager

You are so helpful, creative and approachable. Thank you for your leadership. You are an amazing resource to us all.

-Amy Schroller, Program Manager

Jerrica, you make me feel so comfortable, understood, and welcomed. Thank you for your positive vibes and contagious laugh! You make DVACK a better place.

-Courtney Train, Youth Advocate Mentor

There's no other way to say it: we'd be lost without Jerrica as part of our team!

-Erin Langley, Director of Client Services