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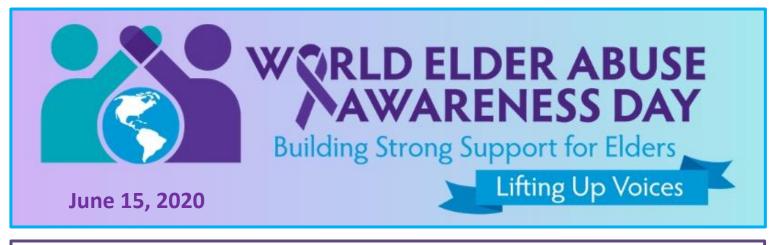






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Join DVACK for a free virtual training via Zoom to learn about the warning signs and types of elder abuse, in addition to tips on preventing elder abuse! Reserve your spot by sending an RSVP email to courtneyt@dvack.org or by registering here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-abuse-awareness-tickets-10598852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

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.



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
- Dish Soap

Body Wash

Baby Wipes

- Hair Gel/Spray
- Toilet Paper

Laundry Soap

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