



Join us throughout the month of October to raise awareness about the often hidden pandemic of Domestic Violence. While this issue is far from new, COVID-19 and the associated quarantines have led to a dramatic increase in the need to address this issue and support survivors. We're excited to offer a number of opportunities for our community to get involved and join together to End Domestic Violence this October.

Clothesline Project Displays

We are excited to offer 2, socially distanced, opportunities to see this powerful display in person and an online option! This project provides a space for domestic and sexual violence survivors to create and unapologetically display the "dirty laundry" that is abuse. The t-shirts, which contain powerful stories, images, and artwork, are hung on a clothesline to show that the people who experience domestic, sexual, or emotional violence aren't just statistics but people in our communities and neighborhoods. Check out one of these opportunities:

- **DeWitt Park:** October 6th, 10am-12pm ***Social distancing and masks required**
- **Trumansburg Farmers Market:** October 14th, 4pm-5:30pm ***Social distancing and masks required**
- **31 Day Virtual Clothesline Project:** Follow us on Facebook & Instagram, @AdvocacyTC, to see shirts from our local collection. If you have a shirt of your own or message for survivors post it using #ACTompkins31Days!

Buffalo Street Book Event, October 8th at 7pm

Join Rocky Callen, author of YA novel "**A Breath Too Late**"; her sister Martina Maya-Callen, an internationally recognized artist, educator and victim advocate; Advocacy Center staff; and Isabella Ogbolumani from Buffalo Street Books for a panel discussion about living with and getting free from domestic violence, with a focus on the impact of adult domestic violence on youth. For details, visit: <https://www.buffalostreetbooks.com/event/rocky-callen>

Shine the Light on Domestic Violence - Go Purple! October 22nd - All Day

Grab your favorite purple scarf, pants, shirt, hat, skirt - anything really- and join others around NYS in going purple to raise awareness and show support for survivors of domestic violence. Please share a picture on social media using hashtag #GoPurpleTompkins and be sure to tag us @AdvocacyTC.

DVAM Teen Event October 22 at 7pm

In Greendale (where it always feels like Halloween) sixteen-year-old Sabrina (half-witch, half-mortal) has to decide who she wants to be. Watch the first episode of **Netflix's Chilling Adventures of Sabrina** with AC youth services staff. If you are inspired to stand up for your friends, take on the patriarchy, sexual assault, and maybe even the devil himself, our teen volunteer group ACTION might be a great fit for you! Look for event details on IG @actiontompkins.

Virtual screening & discussion of *Minding the Gap* (date TBD)

Bing Liu's joyous, poignant film ***Minding the Gap*** explores how skateboarding provides escape and identity for a teen film-maker and friends. This film highlights themes of race, masculinity, and family violence; so be sure to join us after for great discussion. Follow us on social media for more information.

DVAM Virtual Backgrounds for ZOOM (for you to download and use as you wish)

Show your support all month long and use our Advocacy Center of Tompkins County DVAM Zoom background. To receive your Zoom background please email our community engagement specialist bbaines@actompkins.org.

Raising Awareness on Our Campuses

We are excited to partnering with Cornell, Ithaca College, and TC3 to join them in their awareness efforts for students, faculty, and staff. As you engage with the campuses (in person or online) you may notice new posters, Bystander Intervention Trainings, the Red Flag Campaign, One Love Workshops, and lots of great purple. To learn more email our campus educator at lhamburger@actompkins.org.

Additional Training Opportunities:

Our Education team offers a number of training opportunities about domestic violence throughout the year. To request a training email info@actompkins.org. A few examples include:

- ***How Can I Help You? Responding to Abuse & Disclosures.***
- ***Domestic Violence in the Workplace.***
- ***Understanding Advocacy Center Services during the Pandemic.***