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South Suburban College Will Recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month with Resource Panel and Other Activities Throughout October

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL - South Suburban College (SSC) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a three-year project supported by a Department of Justice grant, will raise awareness of Domestic Violence in October. The college will host several internal and external activities for SSC students, faculty/staff, and the general public.

SSC will begin the month with Purple Thursdays and Light in the Window, two initiatives to wear purple clothing and display purple window lights in businesses and homes as an act of solidarity against domestic violence. SSC students are invited to participate in live and virtual Bystander Intervention Trainings to learn how to intervene should they encounter a domestic violence situation. A virtual "Healthy Relationships" Zoom session on Wednesday, October 12, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm includes facilitators LaSandra Hutchinson and Celeste Angulo from the Anew: Building Beyond Violence & Abuse organization. The facilitators will discuss the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. The public should register by Tuesday, October 11, at 12:00 pm to Alexandra Glumac at aglumac@ssc.edu.

On Friday, October 21, SSC will host a Dating/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Resource Forum & Expo from 8:00 – 11:00 am at the SSC Performing Arts Center. The FREE event will provide crucial domestic violence resources and is open to SSC students, faculty/staff, and the general public. Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast, a forum featuring service providers, and opportunities to learn about local resources. Professionals with the following credentials can earn 1.5 CEUs: CDVP and CPAIP, LPC/LCPC, and LSW/LCSW. The panelists will include Dr. Deborah Baness King - Vice President of Student & Enrollment Services at SSC; Ruben Lopez - Advocate at YWCA Metropolitan Chicago; Celeste Angulo - Bilingual Community Educator at Anew: Building Beyond Violence & Abuse; and Sara Block- Director of Advocacy at Ascend Justice. To learn more information or to register for this event, please visit <https://SSCDVResourceexpo.eventbrite.com>.

South Suburban College is committed to ensuring the campus is safe for all, sharing up-to-date information on the recent trends in domestic violence, and connecting students with needed resources. If you or someone you care about is in an abusive relationship, we can help you. For more information, contact Alexandra Glumac, OVW Grant Project Director, via email at aglumac@ssc.edu or 708-596-200 ext. 2393

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