



Niagara County FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT Newsletter

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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart"

– Helen Keller

Safe at Home Conference

The 21st Annual Safe at Home Conference is once again bringing national experts to Niagara County. Presentations and workshops will cover an array of critical and timely topics including intimate partner violence, using technology to secure evidence in investigations, creating healthy boundaries with youth, human trafficking and the criminal justice system, adolescent sexual health, and elder targeting and abuse. The conference is being held on **Wednesday, October 16th** at the Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls.

A complete list of speakers and program descriptions is available on our [website](#). Please visit our website as we'll be updating it with important conference information about parking, agenda items, and other material that you'll find useful if you plan to attend. **Registration is NOW OPEN**, so secure your spot early. If you need information on how to register for the event and pay, please click [helpful form](#). We are pleased to offer CEU credits for Li-

censed Mental Health Clinicians and Licensed MSWs.

Conference Speakers:

Keynote: International expert Jacquelyn C. Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN (St. John Hopkins University) will address *Danger Assessment: Assessing the Risk of Intimate Partner Homicide*.

Plenary: Also an international expert, Justin Fitzsimmons (High Tech Training Services Division SEARCH Group, Inc.) will address Technology-Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation.



This year's Safe at Home Conference is shaping up to be one of our best ones yet! We hope to see there!

Conference Workshops

- ◆ Maintaining Healthy Boundaries with Youth, *Jessica Milliman-Estus*
- ◆ Danger Assessment, Part II, *Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN* (2 sessions)
- ◆ Behind the Net: Using Technology to Corroborate Child Disclosures, *Justin Fitzsimmons*
- ◆ Investigating and Prosecuting Human Trafficking: What Advocates Need to Know, *Meghan Tokash, Esq. United States Department of Justice*
- ◆ We Deserve Better: Preventing Elder Abuse and Exploitation, *Nicole Parshall, Esq. and Kayleah Feser, LMSW*
- ◆ Protecting Adolescent Victims in an Increasingly Online World, *Justin Fitzsimmons*
- ◆ What Do Youth Need to Know about Sexual Health and Sexual Responsibility and How Do We Teach Them, *Jessica Milliman-Estus*

For more information and to register visit our website at www.cacofniagara.org

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Spotlight: October Events



4th Annual Red Flag Campaign and Domestic Violence Awareness Event “Surviving...Thriving: A Journey of Healing Through Art”

Niagara University is hosting the Red Flag Campaign and a domestic violence awareness event on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2019** from 5pm to 8pm at the Castellani Art Museum. The Red Flag Campaign, a dating violence awareness initiative used on college campuses all over the country, will be taking place at Niagara University in the days leading up to the main event. The domestic violence awareness event will feature over 80 pieces of domestic violence survivor artwork for viewing. Niagara University is collaborating with several local victim service agencies in Niagara County, including Pinnacle Community Services, the Niagara County Sheriff's Victim Assistance Unit, The YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, and The Child Advocacy Center of Niagara. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission to the event is \$1 for students and \$5 for non-students, and all funds raised will be donated to local domestic violence survivor programs.



6th Annual Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk and Art Exhibit “Building Resilience” and “Resilience Stones”

Pinnacle Community Services' Passage Domestic Violence program is hosting its 6th Annual Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk and Art Exhibit event on **Tuesday, October 8th, 2019** starting at 4:30 pm at the corner of Main and Third streets in Niagara Falls. Participants will be tying purple ribbons around the trees on the two blocks of Third Street between Main St. and Niagara St. to raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Afterwards, come take a look at survivor art created by clients in Passage House DV Services while networking and grabbing some food and drink at Wine on Third. Art is on display during the entire month of October at Wine on Third for everyone to come and see!



Research Corner— We are happy to provide you with recent research related to family violence



Study Abstract

This study examines the association between exposure to domestic violence, children's perceptions of family relationships, and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and explores the moderating role of children's perceptions of family relationships. The sample consists of 46 children exposed to domestic violence (26 girls and 20 boys), aged 6 to 12 years, staying at housing shelters for victims of domestic violence. Children completed several questionnaires and the SAGA, a systemic tool, enabling us to examine their perceptions and family relationships. The

results indicate that exposure to domestic violence is related to symptoms of anxiety and depression and to the child's perception of father-mother and father-child relationships in both conflictual and typical situations. Perceptions of father-mother and father-child relationships in typical situations are both associated with anxiety and post-traumatic stress symptoms. In contrast, the mother-child relationship was found to have a moderating role on the relation between the duration of domestic violence exposure and the symptom of anger. This study attests to the value of continuing research

on the role of the child's perception of family relationships, but above all to better regulate the visiting and accommodation rights of fathers who perpetrate domestic violence in order to protect children, especially when they show symptoms of post-traumatic stress

Paul, Olivia. (2019). Perceptions of Family Relationships and Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms of Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. *Journal of Family Violence*. 10.1007/s10896-018-00033-z

If you would like a PDF copy of the article, please email Dana Radatz at dradatz@niagara.edu.

Happenings Around Town...

Have an agency announcement, group dates or events to share?

Email lbachman@pinnaclecs.org

Here is what is happening:

Tuesday, October 1st

In Her Shoes DV Simulation

10:00 am– 12:00 pm

Pinnacle Community Services

1522 Main St. Niagara Falls

RSVP to lbachman@pinnaclecs.org or call Larissa at 285-6984

Tuesday, October 3d

Surviving...Thriving: A Journey of Healing Through Art

Red Flag Campaign/DV Awareness event

5:00 pm– 8:00 pm

Castellani Art Museum

Admission: \$1 for students/ \$5 for community. Join us as we appreciate the art created by survivors of Domestic Violence, while coming together to create awareness and change as a campus and community.

Tuesday, October 8th

Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk

Pinnacle Community Services

Gather at the corner of Main and Third streets in Niagara Falls

4:30 pm start time

Join us at Wine on Third directly following the walk to view survivor art work created by clients in Passage House DV services, while networking and grabbing some food and drink

Wednesday, October 16th

Safe at Home Conference

Family Violence Intervention Project Conference & Events Center Niagara Falls

8:00 am– 4:00 pm

For more information and to register visit www.cacofniagara.org

Thursday, October 24th,

Wear Purple Day!

Show your support for survivors of domestic violence and join this national initiative! #PurpleThursday



Tuesday, October 22nd

In Her Shoes DV simulation

2:00 pm– 4:00 pm

Lockport Public Safety Facility

5574 Niagara Street. Extension, Lockport

RSVP to lbachman@pinnaclecs.org or call Larissa at 285- 6984

Thursday, November 7th

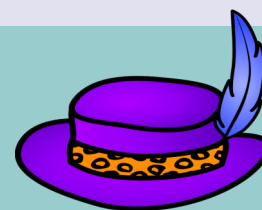
Domestic Violence Academy

9:30am-11:30am

Lockport Public Library

A free beginner level domestic violence training will address the dynamics of domestic violence, victimization issues and more in Niagara County.

**“HATS OFF!” to...
Robert Goods!**



Robert Goods is Niagara County District Director for the Family and Community Services Department of Catholic Charities of Buffalo. He was just appointed to this position in June 2019 after serving Catholic Charities through its Domestic Violence Offender Program for Men since October 2017. As District Director, Robert is responsible for the management and efficient administration of the Family and Community Services offices in the County, as well as collaborating with County organizations, schools and public services, and fostering relationships through community involvement to ensure knowledge of available resources as well as seeking to adapt services to meet any changing needs in the area. Family and Community Services offered in the county include basic emergency assistance, the Domestic Violence Offender Program for Men and Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program. Robert has extensive legal knowledge and experience, and volunteers with the Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement in Buffalo, which is working for passage of legislation in state for alternatives to isolated confinement. Thank you for all your hard work.

Hats off to you, Robert!

WHAT IS FVIP?

For more information about FVIP, go to www.cacofniagara.org and look for FVIP under the services tab or email cacofniagara@nfmmc.org



**Domestic
Violence Hotline**
#s:
Passage
(716) 299-0909
YWCA
(716) 433-6716

The Niagara County Family Violence Intervention Project (FVIP) is a coalition of agencies and organizations committed to addressing interpersonal violence and child abuse through collaborative responses, community education and professional training.

For nearly 20 years, FVIP has recognized the co-occurrence of child abuse and domestic violence and worked together to protect children and adults alike. Volunteer FVIP Steering Committee members set the FVIP's strategic agenda for training, collaboration, and networking for mutual support for a shared mission.

We are so excited to share the FVIP Newsletter with the community. We will be sharing news, events, and program highlights on a quarterly basis!

The FVIP is coordinated by the Child Advocacy Center of Niagara, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

In the meantime, visit our website at <http://cacofniagara.org/services/family-violence-intervention-project/>

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACADEMY

Domestic violence affects up to 25% of American households. Anyone who works with people encounters individuals who have experienced or been exposed to domestic violence. This free beginner level domestic violence training will address the dynamics and the impact of exposure to domestic violence on children and resources available in Niagara County and more.

Join us for this
FREE training:
Thursday, November 7th,
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Lockport Public Library
Community Room
25 East Avenue
Lockport, NY

For more information or
to register: Call 285-0045 or
Email cacofniagara@nfmmc.org

Domestic Violence Academy Presenters:

Susan LaRose, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Ann Marie Tucker, Director, Child Advocacy Center
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

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Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

FVIP Learn & Share Dates and Topics:

2019

September 20– Infant Safe Sleep: Implications For Providers, presented by Jan Walkden, Child Fatality Review Coordinator

December 6– Best Practices When Working with Immigrant Women, presented by Emma Buckthal, Volunteer Lawyers Project

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March 20– Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)

June 19– LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency for Service providers

September 18– Sexual Health & Responsibility

December 4– Provider Boundaries

Stay tuned for further information via the FVIP Newsletter and email! Dates and topics are subject to change.