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State's Victim Compensation Program Calls for Domestic Violence Education, Action

Digital Campaign, Clothing Drive to Assist Survivors and Help End Domestic Violence



Sacramento, CA – Recent events have proven that many Americans still consider domestic violence a private issue that shouldn't concern anyone but the involved parties. Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) couldn't disagree more. In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), CalVCP has announced the release of a domestic violence resource kit and calls on the public to take action and end domestic violence together.

"It's disheartening to hear ideology along the lines of 'this doesn't concern you, this is a private affair' in reference to domestic violence," said Nauman. "I see the emotional, physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse that victims suffer. The effects of this despicable crime aren't private; people are being hurt and killed, and they need help. They need our support. That's why we take part in Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

In partnership with WEAVE and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA), CalVCP has announced this year's awareness campaign "Domestic Violence Knows No Boundaries; Together We Can End It," understanding that it will take everyone to put an end to this pervasive crime. "With the increased use of social media and digital content sharing, it is easier than ever for people to take their personal stand against domestic violence," said Nauman. "With this in mind, we have created a digitally-heavy campaign that we want all of California to participate in."

For the month, CalVCP is asking the community to participate by educating themselves, spreading awareness, engaging their community, and inspiring others to act in the following ways:

Educate Yourself and Your Community

[Learn First](#): get the definition, and learn the statistics, why people stay, how to get help
Review the [Resource Kit](#) and share the following elements:

- Post the DVAM fact sheet and "[1 in 4](#)" poster at your home, school, work, or business
- Share the DVAM [button](#) and [web banner](#)
- Post the provided DV awareness facts using the #DVAM hashtag on social media
- Share the [DVAM PSA](#)
- Share CalVCP's [blogs](#) and [podcasts](#) as published



Watch and share [CalVCP's Domestic Violence Awareness Month Public Service Announcement](#)

Donate to the Suited for Successful Families Clothing and Toy Drive

From October 1 – 23rd, donate new or gently used professional men's and women's attire, along with children's clothing, diapers, and new toys. Your donations provide for child victims' basic needs and help their parents develop careers. Collection sites are located throughout Sacramento.

Attend the Clothing and Toy Donation Drive Hand-Off at the State Capitol

Join CalVCP, WEAVE and CALCASA on Wednesday, October 29 as they hand over thousands of donated clothing and toy items to designated nonprofits that serve domestic violence survivors and their families.

CalVCP continues to support more than 14,000 domestic violence victims each year by providing compensation for medical and mental health treatment, home security, and relocation support. Last fiscal year, the program provided nearly \$13 million to help domestic violence victims get to safety and begin healing.

For more information regarding victim compensation and the current awareness campaign, please visit <http://vcgcb.ca.gov/victims/dvam/>.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted nearly 600 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.