

JUNE 2024

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: AMY GRANT-QUONCE

June is designated as Pride month; during this month individuals and groups worldwide celebration LGBTQ+ culture and advocate for rights. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are equally as likely, if not more so, than heterosexual individuals to experience intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is also known as domestic violence, partner abuse, or dating violence.

There are some aspects of IPV that are unique to the LGBTQ+ community. "Outing" or threatening to reveal a partner's sexual orientation/gender identity may be used as a tool of abuse in violent relationships. This threat may also reduce the likelihood of a victim seeking help.

Prior experiences, such as bullying and hate crimes, may also make individuals less likely to ask for help. 43.8% of lesbian women and 61.1% of bisexual women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime, as opposed to 35% of heterosexual women.

26% of gay men and 37.3% of bisexual men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, in comparison to 29% of heterosexual men.

In a study of male same sex relationships, only 26% of men called the police for assistance after experiencing near-lethal violence.

In 2012, fewer than 5% of LGBTQ survivors of intimate partner violence sought orders of protection (statistics obtained from ncadv.org).

Intimate Partner Violence is not limited to heterosexual relationships and can affect individuals of all sexual orientations and genders. At the Victims Assistance Center we serve all victims of all crimes; everyone deserves to feel safe and respected.

CREATING POSSIBILITIES TOGETHER



COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAISING \$100
TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF CRIME.

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FREE & OPEN EVENT FOR ALL COMMUNITIES

Family Safety Night

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
4:00 - 7:00 PM

AT SOUTH JEFFERSON WILSON ELEMENTARY
13180 US RTE. 11,
ADAMS CENTER NY 13606

ACTIVITIES:
BIKE RODEO
Fire Trucks/EMS
Law Enforcement
Local Agencies/Businesses
Dunk Tank
Concessions/Chicken BBQ
VAC Kids Lemonade Stand
Giveaways!

FIRST 200 KIDS GET A FREE BIKE HELMET!

LEVEL UP
GRADES 6-12

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT
PICKLEBALL
FREE THROW CONTEST

SouthJefferson WorthGold Embellished PIXELIT

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

FAMILY SAFETY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024
SOUTH JEFFERSON CSD

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT
AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

FUN RUN/WALK

CREATE YOUR PLEDGE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 2024

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPENING CLOSED DOORS
CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

HILTON GARDEN INN, WATERTOWN

ST LAWRENCE COUNTY
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

SEAWAY HONEY HOLES, RENSSELAER FALLS

3RD ANNUAL
WITCHES GALA

SAT. OCTOBER 26, 2024

FAICHNEY DRIVE BUSINESS COMPLEX

In awareness of domestic violence

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Splash Into Summer

Seeking Donations of:

- *NEW* Swimsuits/Swim Trunks**
- Sunscreen**
- Sunglasses**
- Swim Goggles**
- Little Swimmers**
- Towels**

Questions?
Contact Donation Committee Chair: Kristin Proven
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JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



REGINA WINDOVER

**VAC
CASE MANAGER**

WE'RE HIRING!

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