

THE ADVOCATE ASPECT



In October, we at Rural Resources Victim Services are preparing for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), a time that holds deep significance for us. DVAM allows us to extend our support to survivors of domestic violence by offering essential resources and compassionate advocacy. Our dedicated team of advocates works tirelessly to ensure that survivors feel heard, supported, and empowered as they navigate the difficult path.

We are truly excited to introduce our new theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month this year: "Still I Rise." This powerful message will be prominently featured on posters and social media posts, symbolizing our unwavering belief that with the right support and resources, survivors can overcome their circumstances and reclaim their lives.

DVAM serves as a vital opportunity to educate the community about domestic violence and to help everyone recognize the warning signs of unhealthy relationships. Last year, we had the honor of assisting 231 clients across Ferry, Lincoln, and Stevens Counties, demonstrating our steadfast commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence.

Our services, including crisis intervention, advocacy, and referrals, are all tailored to meet the unique needs of each survivor. In addition to raising awareness, we warmly invite you to support our cause. Simple actions include attending our events, sharing information on social media, or participating in local discussions. Also, wearing purple on October 17th is another great way of supporting DVAM. We will host a few mini events in Inchelium, Republic, Davenport, and Colville. We will post dates and times on Facebook. We also plan to host Healthy Relationship Events in Ferry, Lincoln, and Stevens County as well stay tuned.

By fostering an open dialogue about domestic violence, we can work together to break the stigma and create a culture of support and understanding. Let's stand together to ensure that everyone knows they are not alone, and that help is always available.

As we observe DVAM, let's come together to honor the courage of survivors and commit to building a safer, more supportive community. Every effort counts, and by standing united, we can help those affected by domestic violence find their voice and reclaim their lives. Please remember that we are here to support you, and if you need assistance and resources for domestic violence, please reach out to us at 1 (844) 509-7233.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION



We're thrilled to announce that Community Education is back at the Libraries of Stevens County, Colville Spokane Community College, and we will also be at the Rotary Career Fair. We can't wait to welcome everyone!

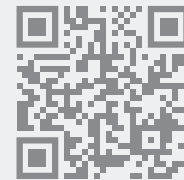
This year, we have some awesome swag for all attendees, along with valuable information about Rural Resources Victim Services. We love seeing community members come together to learn and connect. Our goal is to provide resources that can make a difference in people's lives. You don't want to miss the chance to grab some goodies and learn more about the services offered. We are looking forward to seeing you there and celebrating our community!



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Interested in supporting survivors of crime, violence, and abuse in your community? Volunteer! Volunteers play an essential role in supporting survivors. We provide all necessary training and education and as a new volunteer, you will join a community of supportive people that all have the same goal: supporting survivors, giving hope, & preventing violence.

Scan the QR code below or call our office at 509-684-3796.



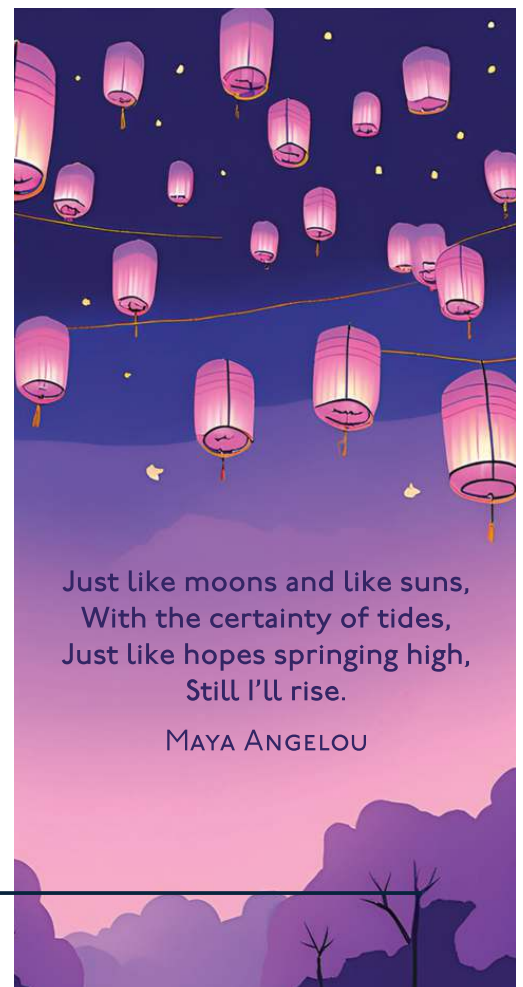
STAFF SPOTLIGHT



We would like to introduce Destiney Petty, an incredible visionary behind our wonderful events. She has been the Tribal Program Manager for Victim Services for the past four years. Destiney joined our team in 2019 as a Community Education Facilitator and Advocate. This line of work is very personal for her, as her family has a long history of advocating against violence and fighting for what is right.

In her free time, Destiney enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, and is an avid fan of audiobooks. She recently overcame her fear of flying and is now eager to travel to new places. Additionally, she has a fantastic side hustle called Petty Plates.

Currently, Destiney is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Digital Marketing. She prefers her Salish name, "Skoo-kwee-you" (Skwekwi'w), which means "Wild Rose Bud." One of her favorite quotes is, "What's meant for me, will never miss me."



Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

MAYA ANGELOU

TRIBAL PROGRAM



CALL FOR INDIGENOUS CREATIVES

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
\$150 STIPEND PER 2 HOUR SESSION

TO TEACH SKILLS TO OUR
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO
BE READY FOR A
NAMING CEREMONY IN JUNE

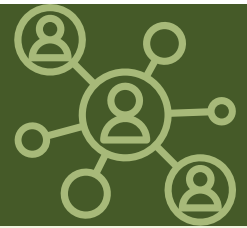
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- Wing dress making
- Ribbon skirt/shirt making
- Applique
- Quill and beadwork
- Gardening and canning
- Medicine gathering and preserving
- Moccasin making
- Language knowledge
- Knowledge of traditional rites of passage -
for boys and girls
- Or any other traditional knowledge

We are excited to announce the launch of a new cohort within our Tribal Program, dedicated to sharing traditional knowledge with community members preparing for a name-giving ceremony next summer. This initiative began with a call to Indigenous creatives, inviting local cultural knowledge keepers to collaborate with us. Our *snxestwilxtn* staff has engaged in meaningful conversations, fielding emails and calls to assemble a dynamic team of teachers and advisors. Their expertise will provide invaluable support and guidance to participants as they embark on this important journey of cultural reclamation.

The cohort will officially launch on Indigenous Peoples' Day, a significant date that underscores our commitment to enhancing cultural programming within our community. Through workshops, mentorship, and shared experiences, participants will delve into the rich heritage and traditions that shape our identity. We believe that by fostering a deep connection to our roots, we empower individuals and strengthen community bonds. Join us in celebrating this exciting new chapter as we honor our ancestors and cultivate a vibrant cultural future together!

CLIENT SERVICES



We are thrilled to announce that our team recently participated in the WACADV conference, where six of our dedicated staff members represented our commitment to advocacy and community support. This year's conference theme emphasized the power of connection and collective action in the fight against domestic violence.

WSCADV invited all hotline advocates, legal advocates, shelter advocates, bilingual advocates, prevention advocates, directors, and supporters to join the convening in Yakima, WA, on September 23-24. Together, advocates and preventionists alike dove into the roots of our movement, reflected on our motivations, and envisioned a future where every survivor is heard and supported.

Through engaging workshops and inspiring speakers, we explored the heart of our work and reaffirm our shared commitment to creating a compassionate and resilient network. Our director, Alison Price, made impactful presentations on two critical topics: reproductive justice and the importance of integrating violence prevention strategies within advocacy centers. Additionally, our Tribal Program staff shared insights into their ongoing efforts to center cultural experiences and grassroots initiatives, ensuring that *snxestwilxtn* remains a program that is truly by and for the community. We valued this time together as a collective, and the opportunity to share about the work taking place our service area.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



DVAM EVENT IN COLVILLE
Oct. 28 from 2-5pm

NORTHPORT LIBRARY
Nov. 7 from 12-5pm

LOON LAKE LIBRARY
Nov. 5 from 10am-4pm

SCC- COLVILLE
Nov. 12 from 9am-2pm

DV SUPPORT GROUP

We use positive support & healthy relationship skills to aid survivors in their path forward. We focus on topics such as: self-esteem, self-care, relationship dynamics, parenting & communication styles, and boundaries.

Safe. Confidential. Non-judgmental.

If you are interested in joining our support group, please call our office at 509-684-3796.

Follow Along!



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600 S. Clark St. Unit B Republic WA 99166
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