



Domestic Violence Awareness

A Note from the Director

On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year according to the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#). There could be more than 100 new victims in the time it takes to read this newsletter. As we have seen in the news, domestic or intimate partner violence occurs across all racial and socioeconomic categories. Fortunately, one of the best strategies for avoiding an abusive relationship is to know the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationship behavior. The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families offers free research-based curriculum, ***Strong Relationships, Strong Families***, in our [Virtual Training Center](#) that addresses the seven key concepts of healthy relationships. We hope you will take advantage of this free resource as well as the tips and resources mentioned below to educate yourself and others on the importance of healthy relationships as well as the warning signs of unhealthy behavior.

Best Regards,

Robyn Cenizal, Project Director

Tip of the Month

Your monthly tip to strengthen the relationships of those you serve. Share it - Post it - Pass it on!

According to the *Family Violence Prevention Toolkit*, key elements of a healthy family approach to service provision include:

- listening and understanding;
- being aware and receptive to information and clues;
- recognizing important information about family relationships and dynamics;
- thinking critically about how those dynamics might impact a family service plan or employment plan; and
- responding with supportive services, referrals, and crisis intervention as necessary and in accordance with agency policy and practice.

Featured Resources

The Resource Center's [Virtual Library](#) has collected more than 800 materials in a variety of formats including fact sheets, research-to-practice briefs, brochures, pamphlets, training resources, program reports or evaluations, and research materials.

Select the links below to view our featured October resources:

- **Family Violence Prevention: A Toolkit for Stakeholders (Toolkit)**

This toolkit provides information and resources on incorporating domestic violence and child maltreatment awareness into service provision.

- **Ohio Intimate Partner Violence Collaborative: Final Evaluation Report of the Safe and Together Training Program (Library Resource)**

This training program aimed to improve the ability of Child Protective Services (CPS) agencies to work effectively with families that are experiencing **domestic violence** through skill building and values clarification.

- **Core Healthy Marriage and Relationship Skills (4-Part Online Course Series)**

This 4-part series focuses on the essential skills—communication, conflict management, parenting, and financial literacy—which the Resource Center focuses on integrating into existing safety-net service delivery systems.



Events

The Resource Center's [Events Calendar](#) offers a listing of Resource Center events and other national, regional, and community-wide events that might be of interest. Upcoming events include:

- **National Indian Education Association 2014 Convention and Tradeshow in Anchorage, AK, October 15-18, 2014**

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) 2014 Convention and Tradeshow helps build brighter futures for all Native American students.

- **Webinar: Strategies To Assist Noncustodial Parents In Improving Economic Well-Being on Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

On Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 2:00 PM EDT, the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Family Assistance (OFA) will be hosting the *Strategies To Assist Noncustodial Parents In Improving Economic Well-Being* webinar to educate the importance of engaging noncustodial parents while also holding them accountable for the economic and social growth of their children.

- **National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) 2014 Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, November 19-22, 2014**

The NCFR is hosting researchers, practitioners and program evaluators, policy makers, community members, etc. to examine the well-being of child and adolescent family members.

Feedback and Technical Assistance

If you have suggestions or wish to speak with a Resource Center staff member, please [contact us](#) and we will be happy to assist you. If you would like to request technical assistance, please submit a [Training and Technical Assistance Request Form](#) and our Technical Assistance Coordinator will contact you.

To learn more about the Resource Center visit us at www.healthymarriageandfamilies.org

The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families supports safety-net service providers as they integrate healthy marriage and relationship education skills into service delivery systems as part of a comprehensive, culturally appropriate, family-centered approach designed to promote self-sufficiency.

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