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The month of August is a time for reflection as well as a busy month of preparations for the fall season. We are excited for this year's Annual Board and Staff Retreat which will be held at the New England Outdoor Center in Millinocket, Maine. This is an opportunity to promote team building for our Board and Staff, to provide more advanced education on domestic and sexual violence, and an opportunity to connect with nature and our culture.

September is also fast approaching and we are looking forward to attending this year's Annual OVW Government to Government Tribal Consultation. The Tribal Consultation includes representation from OVW, the Department of Interior, the Department of Health and Human Services and Tribal Leadership from across the United States. This will be the first year that is will be held in Anchorage, Alaska. Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 20126, the purpose of the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following four topics:

- * Administering tribal funds and programs;
- * Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- * Strengthening the federal response to such crimes; and,
- * Improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

Finally, we along with the five tribal domestic and sexual violence advocacy centers are preparing for October which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please refer to each program's Facebook Page for activities that will be scheduled throughout the month to bring awareness to the harmful impacts of domestic violence and ways to help strengthen our communities by sharing valuable information and resources. Please also view the WWC's Facebook page and website for more info (www.wabanakiwomenscoalition.org).

May - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Month

Wear Red May 5th for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)

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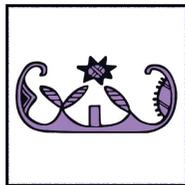
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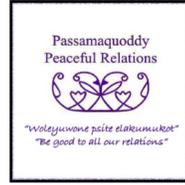
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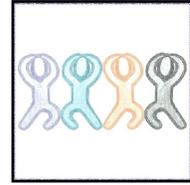
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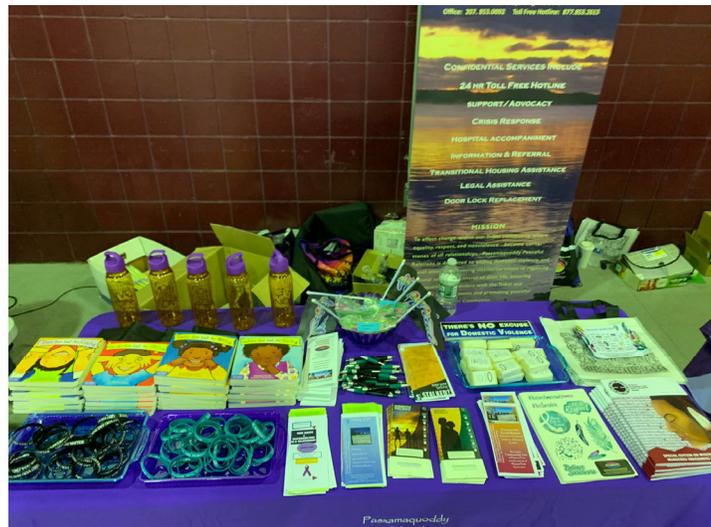
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Micmac Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center

Office: 207-760-0570
 24 Hour Hotline: 207-551-3639

Health Fairs At Penobscot Nation and Pleasant Point



Grandmother's Gathering at Mi'kmaq Nation

The Mi'kmaq Nation's Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center celebrated its annual Grandmother's Gathering on July 30th. Women of all ages and walks of life were welcome to attend, share their stories, traditions and experience. A Giveaway Ceremony was also included as well as a viewing and discussion of the documentary, "Women of the White Buffalo."



Maliseet Advocacy Center Participates in Community Outreach

The Hope and Justice Project organized its 1st community resource fair on July 1st. The Maliseet Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center was one of many local agencies that participated in this event.

Pictured from Left to Right:

Allison Sabattis, Shelter Coordinator/Transitional Housing Coordinator/Advocate

Aldene Saucier, Director/Advocate

Tawoma Martinez, Community Educator/Advocate



WWC & Indian Township Advocacy Center Staff Participating in the MMIW Walk at Sipayik

MMIW Walk - May 5, 2022 - Sipayik

Desiree Tyrrell - Advocate/Director for the Indian Township Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center and WWC Board Chair



History of the Power And Control Wheel

Why Was the Power and Control Wheel Created?

In 1984, staff at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (DAIP) began developing curricula for groups for men who batter and victims of domestic violence. They wanted a way to describe battering for victims, offenders, practitioners in the criminal justice system and the general public. Over several months, they convened focus groups of women who had been battered. They listened to heart-wrenching stories of violence, terror and survival. After listening to these stories and asking questions, they documented the most common abusive behaviors or tactics that were used against these women. The tactics chosen for the wheel were those that were most universally experienced by battered women.



History of the Power and Control Wheel Continued...

Why is it Called the Power and Control Wheel?

Battering is one form of domestic or intimate partner violence. It is characterized by the pattern of actions that an individual uses to intentionally control or dominate their intimate partner. That is why the words “power and control” are in the center of the wheel. A batterer systematically uses threats, intimidation, and coercion to instill fear in their partner. These behaviors are the spokes of the wheel. Physical and sexual violence holds it all together—this violence is the rim of the wheel.

How is the Power and Control Wheel Used?

The wheel is used in many settings and can be found in manuals, books, articles, and on the walls of agencies that seek to prevent domestic violence. It has even been seen by millions on national television shows.

Many support groups use the Power and Control Wheel. Survivors of abuse can point to each of the tactics on the wheel and clearly explain how these behaviors were used against them. They are able to see that they are not alone in their experience and more fully understand how their batterer could exert such control over them.

The wheel is also used in counseling and education groups for men who batter to help group participants identify the tactics they use. By seeing that their behavior is not atypical for men who batter, there is an impetus (for those who are motivated to change) to explore the beliefs that contribute to their behavior. The Power and Control Wheel is used in concert with the Equality Wheel to help group participants see alternate ways of being in a relationship with a woman, free of violence and controlling behavior.

The wheel is also used in a variety of settings to describe battering. For instance, in training for law enforcement or prosecutors, the wheel provides an explanation for why a victim might return to an abusive spouse or why victim is refusing to cooperate in a criminal prosecution.

The wheel makes the pattern, intent and impact of violence visible.

Source: www.theduluthmodel.org

Statistics of Survivors Served in 2020

The Covid-19 Pandemic posed additional challenges for our communities and in particular, survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Each of our 5 Wabanaki Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Centers is funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) while a few are also funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This funding is critical for staff to perform the daily tasks of providing much needed direct services to survivors. Private donations are also extremely helpful and much appreciated by staff and survivors.

Hotline Calls - 2,388

People Served In Total - 434

People Sheltered - 125

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