

## (Re)Learning Moment

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### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In October 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) held the Day of Unity to connect advocates working to end violence against women and children. This day expanded to include victims/survivors of all genders and for an entire week, offering a range of activities focused at the local, state, and national levels. While the events were varied and diverse, they centered on three common themes: mourning those lost from domestic violence; celebrating the survivors; and connecting individuals working to end interpersonal violence. In October 1987, the United States observed the first **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)**. Congress designated October as DVAM in 1989.

#### (Re)Learn About DVAM

Content Warning: Domestic Violence

- [2021 Remember My Name](#) – poster of individuals' names lost to domestic violence curated by NCADV
- [Start the Conversation: Be a Better Ally](#) – toolkit to be a better ally to survivors of domestic violence
- [UT Knoxville Office of Title IX](#) – on-campus resources
- ['Victims need to be heard, they need to be believed' | Resources for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022](#) – *WBIR's* (Knoxville local news station) article on local resources
- [What is Intimate Partner Violence?](#) – video from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defining important terms

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### National Domestic Violence Hotline

According to its website, the National Domestic Violence Hotline answered its first call on February 21, 1996. In 2021, the resource recorded its 25th year of service, answering more than 5.5 million calls, chats, and text from survivors and their loved ones.

**For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) now.**