

Rape Crisis News and Happenings

Improving Community Response to Sexual Assault Mar/Apr 2011



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Did you know? April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

The Orange County Rape Crisis Services Program will be hosting two **Clothesline Projects**, one March 3rd at Mt. St. Mary College and one on April 27th from 10-3 at OCCC in Middletown. Come check out our display of T-shirts made by sexual assault victims and their families and pick up some valuable information. We will also be proudly participating in Family Advocacy Program's **"Walk A Mile"** at the West Point Military Academy on April 6th at 11 to raise community awareness of resources available for prevention of and

response to sexual assault. Grab your sneakers and join us! **Susan Giannico**, LCSW-R, will be presenting to the Orange County Eating Disorders Coalition on the topic of Sexual Assault and Eating Disorders. This will take place April 12th at 9am at the Orange County Emergency Services Center in Goshen. To Kick off the Month, there will be a **Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation** held in the legislative chambers in Goshen on April 1st by County Executive Edward Diana at 10am. All are welcome.

Rape Crisis and Middle School Students

The 12th Annual **Y2Kids** Careers from A to Z event sponsored by the Orange-Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will be held April 12th in the US Army 2nd Aviation Detachment Wings of West Point at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor. Middle school-aged students, their teachers and parents from local school districts participate in this hands-on, interactive career exploration. Orange County Rape Crisis will be setting up a booth for students to view.



April 11-15 is National Crime Victims Rights Week

On April 13th at 6:30PM, the Orange County Crime Victims' Rights Coalition will be holding a **candlelight vigil** in memory of those who have lost their lives due to crime. Our department will join the coalition in honoring the lives of these individuals as well as supporting those family members and friends who have lost a loved one. This year's theme is "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past." The event will be held at Delano Hitch Park in Newburgh.



Power in Unity:

An educational peer support group for adult survivors of sexual assault, available in both English and Spanish. Meets in Newburgh. Facilitated by Rosalina Hernandez, Victim Services Coordinator.

Our Support Groups

For more information, contact us at 845-342-2400.
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In Safe Hands:

A peer support group for youth survivors of sexual assault. Open to high school and college students. Meets at MHA. Facilitated by Allie Lerman, Victim Services/Community Educator.