



## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Observed as an opportunity to promote education and the prevention of sexual violence, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) traces its history to the 1970s, when activists first began organizing on a national scale to reduce sexual assault and violence against women. Advocates fought tirelessly to bring a topic once taboo for public discussion out of the shadows and shed light on the widespread problem of sexual assault.

According to the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, one in three women and one in six men suffer sexual violence at some point in their lives. Not only does SAAM shed light on an important issue, it also de-stigmatizes survivors.

Join the NWACC Office of Community Standards, NWACC Counseling Center, NWACC Library, NWACC Pride and many community resources in recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April with educational opportunities, advocating for survivors, honoring friends, family and community members who have suffered trauma, and creating awareness about sexual assault and relationship violence.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### All of April:

- **Clothesline Project:** T-shirts painted with personal messages from survivors and/or message of support from allies to survivors will be displayed all month.
- **NWACC Library** will feature related materials on display
- **Teal Tuesday:** Wear teal on Tuesdays in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. Don't have teal? Pick up a teal ribbon at the Cox Welcome Center in Burns Hall, Student Information Center in the Student Center, the lobbies of the Center for Health Professions or Shewmaker Centers, or the Welcome Desk at NWACC-Washington County.
- **What Were You Wearing Exhibit:** This exhibit is based on student survivor descriptions of the clothes they were wearing during their sexual assault. Stories and original display were collected by Dr. Mary Wyandt-Hiebert and Jen Brockman at the University of Arkansas. This exhibit will travel between Burns Hall, Center for Health Professions, both Shewmaker Centers, and NWACC-Washington County. Schedule will be updated soon.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>:** Visit information tables and paint t-shirts with messages of your own or messages of support for survivors. Tables will be in Burns Hall Information Commons hallway from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 4<sup>th</sup> and in the Student Center Lobby from 10 am to 1:30 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>:** Visit information tables and write [Red Flag](#) messages. Tables will be in the Student Center Lobby from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 11th and in Burns Hall Information Commons hallway from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** View the movie screening, "The Bystander Moment," in CHP, room 3015 at 12 pm.



**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Celebrate National Denim Day. This day calls attention to the importance of verbal consent and that it is never about the clothing.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Another movie screening of the “The Bystander Moment” in the CHP, room 3015 at 12 pm.

Look for greater details and more to come as the month goes on.