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**Pinellas County Health Department to Sponsors Events  
during Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

During October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month – the Injury and Violence Prevention program of the Pinellas County Health Department is co-sponsoring four events that focus on preventing domestic violence before it starts, and how to intervene if it occurs.

The first two events are focus on the role of men in preventing and ending domestic violence by examining how the media portrays men and how the way men are raised allows some to be abusive.

**Jackson Katz**, Ed.M., with Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) in Los Angeles, CA will be the featured speaker in two locations on **October 20**. First, from 9am-4pm at Bethel Community Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Katz will present “More Than a Few Good Men,” then at 7-8:30 that evening, he will speak at Eckerd College in Fox Hall on “Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity.”

The second two events focus on a pastor’s unique role in assisting families in his or her congregation that are dealing with domestic violence. “When Family Violence Comes to Church” will be held on October 26 and 27, 8am-12pm, breakfast included. On the 26<sup>th</sup> it will be at St. Anthony’s Hospital in the auditorium, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> it will be at Mease Dunedin Hospital meeting room one.

“Men and ministers in our society are in such important positions to influence others, so it is critical that we understand violence against women,” said Elihu Brayboy, Delta Coordinator at the Pinellas County Health Department. “I have two daughters and a wife whose safety I care about, and I know that means I have to work with other men to improve how we all treat women,” he said.

To register for “More Than A Few Good Men”, contact Brayboy at 727-824-6962; to register for “When Family Violence Comes to Church”, call 727-825-1709. CEU’s are available for these events. The event at Eckerd’s Fox Hall does not require registration and will not provide CEU’s.

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