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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and across the country, advocates are joining healthcare providers, business leaders, policy makers, faith-based groups, college students and others at events and activities designed to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence. **Pinellas County events include:**

JAEDA (Jewish Alliance to End Domestic Abuse) Event

"It Happens to Our Kids, Too: Dating Abuse in the Jewish Community"

North Pinellas County
Wednesday, October 10
Temple Ahavat Shalom
1575 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

South Pinellas County
Wednesday, October 17
Benjamin Towers
250 58th Street N., St. Petersburg
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force Events (Events in both North and South Pinellas):

Tuesday, October 23

Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater FL 33760

▪ **"Congregations Respond to Family Violence,"** 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. To register, call 727-825-1111.

You must pre-register to attend.

- Breakfast and Registration, 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM, Program, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Kitts, Knoxville Police Department and Family Justice Center Chaplain Corps

▪ **Domestic Violence Task Force Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony,** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. No advance registration required.

- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Kitts: "How to Work Effectively with the Faith Community"
- Presentation of Annual Leadership Award
- Snacks and drinks provided

▪ **Clergy Gathering,** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, for local clergy to learn more about the Clergy Task Force on Domestic Violence in Knoxville, TN. No advance registration required.

Wednesday, October 24

▪ **"Congregations Respond to Family Violence,"** 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, St. Anthony's Hospital Auditorium, 1200 7th Avenue North, St. Petersburg 33705. Note: this is a repeat of yesterday's session, offered for South County. To register call 727-825-1111. You must pre-register to attend.

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▪ **"Putting the Pieces Together: A Comprehensive and Imperative Approach to Domestic Violence Crimes,"** 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, SPC Allstate Center/RCPI, 3200 34th Street South, St. Petersburg. Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Kitts. To register, contact Mary Anyan at 727-341-4457.

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