Ending gender violence and focusing on preventive work are critical components of creating stronger, safer, happier, healthier communities.

KIANDRA FOSTER, UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWESTERN PA

There is an absence of awareness of the impact abuse has on communities. It’s my work to bring this awareness to light.

JOHN TOKARSKI, CITY OF PITTSBURGH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WE SAY NO MORE

2016–17: A Year of Voices in Prevention
Together we can end domestic violence and sexual assault.

Over the last several years, our country has demonstrated a sea change in attitudes and beliefs about domestic and sexual violence. Our movement has grown as public officials, community leaders, clergy, parents, athletes, media spokespersons and students have joined together to voice intolerance for disrespectful and abusive behaviors. While we have made undeniable progress in turning the tide, the future of funding and policy is uncertain. There is still a great deal of work to do in preventing these crimes from happening in the first place and our commitment is unwavering.

Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do to support Southwest PA Says NO MORE.

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

Together we can end domestic violence and sexual assault.
We salute the work of our 25+ partner organizations.

2nd Annual CEO Breakfast

More than 40 CEOs and executives gathered for the CEO Breakfast to address violence against women.

Prominent speakers included Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Patrick Gallagher and Andrea Carelli, senior vice president & director, public relations and corporate events at PNC Bank.

“No other community in the country has shown this level of cross-sector commitment to preventing domestic violence and sexual assault.”

- Kristy Trautmann, executive director, FISA Foundation
The Business Case to End Partner Violence helps employers understand the financial, safety and human costs of partner violence on the workplace and equips them with tools for taking effective organizational action.

- 35 new members last year bring the total number of member companies to 335.
- 200+ staff and managers were trained by STANDING FIRM to recognize and respond to partner violence.
- The organization conducted Keeping Your Workplace Safer: How Partner Violence Fits In, a workshop led by certified protection professional Carla Gedman.

“...the impacts of domestic violence are as much an employer’s concern as they are an employee concern.”

– Kiersten Crosby, managing director of HR Service Delivery, FedEx Ground

STANDING FIRM:

Coaching Boys Into Men trains high school and college coaches to talk to athletes about healthy relationships and respect for women and girls.

- 19 schools and athletic programs have been engaged.
- 100+ coaches, athletic directors and administrators attended advisory summits at Robert Morris University.

“...Only a handful of the young men who play for me will go on to the NFL. But every single one of them can go on to be good students, men of character, good citizens.”

– George Novak, retired head coach and athletic director, Woodland Hills High School

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To break cycles of violence, we need to deal more effectively with perpetrators of abuse.

• The Allegheny County Department of Human Services and the criminal courts have collaborated with Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and other advocates to strengthen offender accountability and increase standards for battering intervention programs to end the cycles of domestic violence.

• Allegheny and Lawrence Counties continue to pursue best practices in sex offender accountability.

“Offender Accountability

We have a very strong partnership between our Department of Human Services, our courts, and the battering intervention providers to hold offenders accountable and to keep them from hurting others.”

– Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald

Father’s Day Pledge Signing Ceremony

is an annual tradition in which men are invited to join women in speaking out and recommitting to ending violence. This year, over 30 participants took the stage to state why this cause is important and how they are taking action.

• More than 900 new community members signed the Father’s Day Pledge this year, bringing the total number of signatures to more than 1,400.

• 20+ organizations across southwestern Pennsylvania participated by hosting events and encouraging their communities to sign the Pledge and get involved.

“This is a societal challenge; this is bigger than just ourselves and our family, and it requires all of our institutions to stand up.”

– Patrick Gallagher, chancellor, University of Pittsburgh

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“Programs & Initiatives”
You are worthy of support,
and you are not alone.

NICHOLE SCHNEIDER,
MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK STUDENT

Homophobia reinforces problematic gender roles. I stand against it.

JASON LUCARELLI
AUBERLE

Voices in Prevention Project

This new initiative is about demonstrating strength in our collective voice. Through each individual who speaks out, we assert what we stand for as a region.

People across our region are stepping up and speaking out.

“Voices in Prevention is a reminder of the power of individuals to create change in their own neighborhoods and communities. We can create a safer world...if we do it together.”

– Kristy Trautmann, executive director, FISA Foundation

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Southwest PA Says NO MORE teamed up with Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education, Women's Law Project and Pittsburgh Action Against Rape to host a free screening of Audrie & Daisy, a powerful documentary that tells the stories of two young women who were sexually assaulted. The screening, hosted at University of Pittsburgh, was followed by a panel discussion.

Nationally recognized researchers and practitioners presented the latest insights into breaking the cycles of violence at the Prevention Summit. This one-day conference was attended by more than 100 prevention-focused professionals, educators and youth workers.

Teens from across the region took action during Teen Dating Violence Awareness month by participating in the Take a Stand Against Dating Violence Student Video Contest. Three winners were selected (all from Norwin High School). More than 400 votes were cast online to determine the People’s Choice winner.

Women leaders convened for the first annual Women in Leadership Joining Forces to End Domestic and Sexual Violence gathering. Prominent speakers included Candi Castleberry Singleton, founder and CEO of Dignity & Respect Inc; Dr. Karen Feinstein, president and CEO of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation; Kiersten Crosby, managing director of HR Service Delivery at FedEx Ground; and Sue Kirsch, shareholder at Schneider Downs.
During the 2015–16 fiscal year, rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs provided more than 6,900 programs in 10 counties across the region, reaching more than 147,000 adults and youth.
Partner Activities

These highlights represent just a few of the many powerful prevention efforts happening in southwestern Pennsylvania thanks to our 25+ partner organizations.

3E Now
- educates and empowers young men and women to eliminate intimate partner violence and gender inequality.

The Mask Project is a new, interactive activity that helps to facilitate discussion about the harmful impact of gender and racial stereotypes.

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA (DVSSP)
- provides services to victims of domestic violence in three counties and works to prevent violence through a variety of interactive programs.

In response to destructive and fatal domestic violence in the region, DVSSP began hosting A Call to Action, A Call for Peace events focused on raising awareness and engaging the community in prevention efforts.

Auberle
- serves at-risk children and families in southwestern Pennsylvania. The organization is developing a plan for integrating primary prevention of domestic and sexual violence into its services.

Young men from Auberle’s Movin’ On program participated in Coaching Boys Into Men to help them learn about respectful relationships.

Blackburn Center
- advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from gender-based violence in Westmoreland County.

Blackburn Center is engaging men through prevention-focused programs and events, including the Men As Allies Program, partnerships with universities and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.

FISA Foundation
- works to improve the quality of life for women, girls and people with disabilities in southwestern PA.

FISA convened disability and victim service agencies to address high rates of abuse experienced by people with disabilities.

FISA also produced a Data Snapshot report, in partnership with The Heinz Endowments and other local nonprofits, to highlight high rates of sexual victimization against black girls and other effects of institutional racism and sexism.

HAVIN
- provides supportive services and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as free educational programming in Armstrong County.

HAVIN’s community campaign highlighted healthy relationships and offered prevention programs at schools.

Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Pittsburgh
- has engaged community members by making gender violence a priority.

Through Mentors in Violence Prevention, JCC trained more than 30 men to integrate prevention strategies into their organizations’ work.

SPHS Care Center STTARS Program
- offers research-based primary prevention programs to discourage violence, encourage boundaries and create awareness.

SPHS participated in Denim Day, hosted a screening of The Hunting Ground and a Coach’s Clinic.

Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe)
- provides free and confidential services to individuals and families in Butler County who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crime.

VOICe participated in a wide range of speaking events and initiatives, supported by a robust social media campaign that engaged VOICe’s digital community.

Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
- provides emergency advocacy services, legal advice, counseling, groups and shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The Center’s Men Embracing Nonviolence and Safety (MEN/S) program is an intervention series for men who abuse their intimate partners, teaching that there is no excuse for any type of abuse and such behavior is never provoked by the victim. Over the last year, more than 350 participants received services.

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What we’re saying no to is a culture of indifference and a culture of control and a culture of violence.

— Grant Oliphant, president, The Heinz Endowments
Sexual assault and domestic violence on college campuses is everybody’s responsibility.

MAGGIE SEVILLA, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

I want to speak up and out about violence every day. I want to end the silence.

PENELOPE MORRISON, PENN STATE NEW KENSINGTON

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