

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FACTS:

- 1) One in three women will be assaulted in her lifetime.
- 2) Women age 16 to 24 experience the highest rates of intimate violence.
- 3) Eight percent of female 12th graders in Minnesota reported that they had been victims of violence on a date. Thirty percent of male 12th graders reported that they had hit or beaten up another person within the past 12 months.
- 4) Women are not the only victims of abuse - it is estimated that anywhere between 3.3 million and 10 million children witness domestic violence annually. Research demonstrates that exposure to violence can have serious negative effects on children's development.*
- 5) Twenty-one percent of domestic violence victims are men.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Please educate yourself on this issue. It is happening in our communities at an alarming rate. YOU can do something about it. If you are a victim, call a domestic violence hotline to find out about your options and educate yourself on the issue. If you are a perpetrator seek help on understanding why you resort to violent behavior and educate yourself on the issue.

We as members of a community need to stand up and say **no more violence!** Violence hurts everyone that it touches in our communities. Please take a stand and say no to violence!

For more information please call the White Earth DOVE program at 218-935-5554 or in an emergency situation call our 24-hour crisis line at 1-877-830-DOVE (3683).