

Washington D.C. Paints
the Town Teal for

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The District's Guide to Digital Media
and Events for SAAM 2018



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Social media can be a great tool to engage local communities in raising awareness this April. This guide will provide you with different posts, dates, ideas, and tools to use on your organization's social pages throughout the month.

Campaign Hashtag: #DCSAAM

Short for DC Sexual Assault Awareness Month, #DCSAAM is the official hashtag for sexual assault awareness activities and social posts within the District. We encourage you to use the hashtag to share your group's events throughout April and follow it to see how others are getting involved.

Follow Us Online

Be sure to follow the [DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence](#) to engage with us socially to stay up to date on activities and events throughout the month.



#TealTuesday

On April 10th, DC organizations and individuals will be encouraged to wear teal as a sign of solidarity with survivors of sexual assault.

When you share your photos be sure to use the [#TealTuesday](#) hashtag and tag us on Instagram @DCCESV.

And be sure to check Snapchat if you're downtown for our Teal Tuesday filter!



Below are some posts you can use throughout Sexual Assault Awareness Month to engage your followers. You can also check out our custom DCSAAM profile tool so you can update your profiles in solidarity.

Update Your Profile

Update your Twitter and Facebook profiles for Sexual Assault Awareness Month by visiting: [Click Here](#)

Downloadable Content

Download digital swag for your social, web, and local events this month to show your support for survivors everywhere: [Click Here](#)

Save the Dates

- **April 5,11,16,24:** “Stewards of Children” Community Training
- **April 10:** #TealTuesday
- **April 10:** National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Resource Fair
- **April 10:** “#MeToo: Everybody Knows Somebody”
- **April 15:** Fundraiser for Ayuda’s Domestic Violence/Family Law legal team
- **April 18:** “Art as a Voice”
- **April 22:** Film screening of “The Color Purple”
- **April 25:** Denim Day
- **April 25:** DCCESV 3rd Quarter Coalition Meeting
- **April 27:** SANE in the City

Sample Posts

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. Be sure to follow #DCSAAM to find out how you can get involved!
- Prevention starts with you. Become an active bystander. #DCSAAM
- We all play an important role in making DC safer for everyone. What will your role be? #DCSAAM
- I support survivors of sexual assault. #DCSAAM
- Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or background. I pledge to help raise awareness for #DCSAAM so everyone has the space to be heard.
- Make an impact in your community this month by getting involved and showing support for survivors. #DCSAAM
- I’m painting Washington DC teal this April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month! #DCSAAM
- The DC community has amazing resources to help victims of sexual assault. Available in 8 languages, check out @ASKDCApp to learn more.

Community-Specific Facts About Sexual Assault

Inclusion Statement:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is about raising awareness, learning how to prevent and end sexual violence, and supporting victim-survivors. In keeping with this goal, we ask everyone participating in SAAM to remember that these statistics are one way we can seek to respect the whole person. We value emotional, social, and academic learning; developing connections among people with different views; creating a more participatory community; and recognizing all the expertise and insight in our diverse and global city. SAAM is an opportunity to occupy space and collaborate in equitable ways. It is about honoring all people and their ability to prevent and end gender-based violence, regardless of race, color, creed, ethnicity, religion, genders, gender identity or expression, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical ability, citizen status, veteran status, marital status, or HIV status and valuing their story, knowledge, and worth.

General

- **Every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. Every eight minutes a child is sexually assaulted. Only six of every 1,000 perpetrators will be incarcerated for committing sexual assault. (RAINN website)**
- **70% of child sex offenders have between one and nine victims, while 20% have 10 to 40 victims. (Darkness to Light- Juveniles who commit sex offenses against minors. 2009 report by Juvenile Justice Bulletin, OJJDP, Office of Justice Programs)**
- **In 2016 only 23% of sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement. (Bureau of Justice Statistics December 2017 Report)**
- **In 2016 39% of sexual assault was perpetrated by someone known to the victim-survivor. 33% were assaulted by a current or former intimate partner. 19% victim-survivors were assaulted by a stranger. (NCVS December 2017 report)**

Immigrants and Refugees

- **According to Rape Response Services, married immigrant women experience higher levels of physical and sexual abuse than unmarried immigrant women, 59.5% compared to 49.8%, respectively.**
- **According to the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, immigrant women are less likely to report their experiences of abuse than U.S. born women because language barriers between victims and police officers significantly affect the outcome of victims' interactions with police and deter many immigrant and limited English proficient (LEP) women from reporting abuse and one of the most significant factors affecting a woman's decision to report abuse is her immigration status.**
- **According to the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, a study conducted among high school aged girls found immigrant girls are almost twice as likely as their non-immigrant peers to have experienced recurring incidents of sexual assault.**

Community-Specific Facts About Sexual Assault

Incarcerated Persons

- 80,600 inmates reported being sexually assaulted in a one-year study conducted from 2011-2012. (RAINN website- Bureau of Justice Statistics 2013 report)
- According to a Bureau of Justice Statistics study released in 2013, approximately 200,000 prisoners in the United States prisons and jails face sexual abuse annually. (PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY IN THESE BJS FINDINGS)
- A 2016 study by the Vera Institute of Justice found that 86% of women in jail had experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.

LGBTQIA

- According to FORGE, multiple studies indicate that over 50% of transgender people have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives. This rate is nearly double (1 in 3 girls) or triple (1 in 6 boys) the commonly reported rates of sexual abuse.
- According to RAINN, 21% of TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming) college students have been sexually assaulted compared to 18% of non-TGQN females, and 4% of non-TGQN males.
- 47% of bisexual men and 40% of gay men experienced sexual violence other than rape, compared to 21% of heterosexual men. (NISVS 2010 report "2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation")

LGBTQIA (cont'd)

- According to Rape Response Services, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs reports that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer people were three times more likely to report sexual violence and/or harassment compared to heterosexual people.

Military

- In U.S. Military academies: Approximately 60% of cadets and midshipmen experienced at least one type of sexual victimization. 86% of female cadets and midshipmen were sexually victimized. 42% of male cadets and midshipmen were sexually victimized. (Snyder, J. A., Fisher, B. S., Scherer, H. L., & Daigle, L. E., "Unsafe in the Camouflage Tower: Sexual Victimization and Perceptions of Military Academy Leadership", Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 2012.)
- 6,300 cases of military sexual assault were reported in 2016. However, only approximately one in three sexual assaults in the military are ever reported. (WTOP report on January, 8, 2018)
- During FY14 18,900 members of the military experienced unwanted sexual contact. (RAINN website- DOD FY14 report issued in 2015)

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People With Disabilities

- According to the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, 83% of women with disabilities will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime; and only 3% of sexual abuse cases involving people with developmental disabilities are ever reported.
- A recent study surveying the rate of sexual assault amongst national universities indicated that 31.6% of female undergraduates with a disability were sexual assault victim-survivors while the correlating rate for undergraduate females without a disability was 18.4%. (National Council on Disability report “Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities” January, 30 2018)
- According to the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, 54% of boys who are Deaf have been sexually abused, compared to 10% of boys who are hearing; and 50% of girls who are Deaf have been sexually abused, compared to 25% of girls who are hearing.

Racial Identity

- According to the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, 56% of Filipinas and 64% of Indian and Pakistani women had experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner.
- According to the Women of Color Network, approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of a sexual nature by age 18; and the National Violence Against Women Survey found that 18.8% of African American women reported rape in their lifetime.

Racial Identity (cont'd)

- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among adult women surveyed in 2010, 26.9% of American Indian/Alaska Natives, 22% of non-Hispanic blacks, 18.8% of non-Hispanic whites, 14.6% of Hispanics, and 35.5% of women of multiple races experienced an attempted or a completed rape at some time in their lives.
- According to RAINN, American Indians are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault compared to all races; and 41% of sexual assaults against American Indians are committed by a stranger, 34% by an acquaintance, and 25% by an intimate or family member.

Youth

- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 42.2% of female rape victims were first raped before age 18.
- According to Rape Response Services, persons under 18 years of age account for 67% of all sexual assault victimizations reported to law enforcement agencies; children under twelve years old account for 34% of those cases; and children under six years old account for 14% of those cases.
- According to Rape Response Services, more than one-third of women who were raped as minors were also raped as adults, compared to 14% without an early rape history.

April 2018 Event Calendar

WEEK ONE

March 31st

 American University' Police Department hosts "Women's Empowerment and Self-Defense Day" | Bender | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (AU students only)

April 2nd

 Men Can Stop Rape's MOST and WISE Clubs launch "30 Days of Strength"

 American University's Hillel hosts "Sexual Assault Awareness: Jewish Community Support" | McDowell Formal | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (AU students only)

April 3rd

 American University's Women's Initiative hosts "Take Back the Night" | Kay | 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM (AU students only)

Catholic University hosts "Teal Tuesdays"

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 George Washington University's Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host "What Makes Us Click? - International Perspectives on Dating Culture in the U.S. & Abroad" | Marvin Center Rm 311 | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

This student workshop is part of GW's Diversity Summit and will feature a panel of international students who will share their various perspectives on the dating culture at GW and abroad and discuss how to create meaningful and healthy relationships on campus. The panel discussion will be moderated by Danielle Cyr, Program Associate for the Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs. Following the panel discussion, workshop participants will be invited to participate in a photo campaign highlighting words that describe healthy relationships.

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April 4th

“The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit” hosted by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation | Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon VA | April 4th -7th | [Link](#)

This conference will provide an opportunity to collaborate with other leading organizations. The latest research will be presented on issues like pornography, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, prostitution, sexual violence, sexual objectification, and more.

April 5th

“Stewards of Children” community training hosted by Safe Shores | The D.C. Children’s Advocacy Center | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Stewards of Children is an evidence-based training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

American University’s Wellness Center hosts “Open Know Your Rights Clinic from NVRDC” | MGC 247 | 6:30 PM (AU students only)

April 6th

“Ladies Lounge” hosted by the Latin American Youth Center | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Ladies Lounge is a safe space for young women to come together, have fun, hang out, discuss various topics, and current news. For young women ages 14-21. Once a month workshops lead by women facilitators. Raffle at every session. Young Ladies that attend will receive: Community Service Hours and a Certificate of Completion. Questions? Please contact Claudia Diaz at (202) 319-2280 or cdiaz@layc-dc.org.

April 7th

SAAM Student Summit hosted by Men Can Stop Rape | Catholic University | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The SAAM Student Summit is a day-long conference for peer educators and student leaders from each of the nine campuses involved in Men Can Stop Rape’s “DMV Healthy Masculinity College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative,” funded by the Dept. of Health and Human Services – Office on Women’s Health. The SAAM Student Summit is a training and networking opportunity for students in the region.

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 The Women's Center hosts "Family Abuse: What Is It and What Can You Do About It?" | Vienna, VA | 10:00 AM | [Link](#)

What does family abuse look like? Could it be happening to you or someone you know? What stops those who experience family abuse from getting the help they need? What are the barriers to getting help? Why is it so difficult to understand, identify, and even harder to stop? What are some of the options and resources in the community (including the protective order process)?

WEEK TWO

April 8th-14th

International Anti-Street Harassment Week

National Crime Victims Rights' Week

April 9th

 Throughout week, Men Can Stop Rape's MOST and WISE Clubs host open meetings to discuss healthy vs unhealthy relationships | April 9th - 13th, 2018

 Throughout the week Catholic University hosts "Empowerment Week" | April 9th - 13th, 2018

This week of programs during the second week of April will provide students with the opportunity to speak out in support of survivors of sexual violence while practicing self-care. Co-sponsored by PEERS, the Counseling Center and Fitness and Recreation.

 "For One Night Only": A Film Screening and Discussion about The Rape of Recy Taylor hosted by DCRCC, Howard University & Ah! Moment | 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910 | 7:15 PM

DCRCC will provide complimentary tickets but you must RSVP at dcrcc@dcrcc.org

April 2018 Event Calendar

April 10th

Teal Tuesday

On April 10th, DC organizations and individuals will be encouraged to wear teal as a sign of solidarity with survivors of sexual assault.

 **National Crime Victims' Rights week resource fair hosted by OVSJG | 441 4th St. NW – Old Council Chambers | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Organizations are invited to send a representative/volunteer/intern to table the resource fair.

 **The official launch of the Victim Legal Network of DC (VLNDC) hosted by Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) | Arent Fox LLP, 1717 K Street Northwest | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | [Link](#)**

Please join VLNDC for lunch and to learn more about how the organization and its partners are expanding the circle of services in the District.

 **George Washington University's Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host a "Prevention Outreach Tabling" | Mid-Campus Quad | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Self-defense instructors will come out and teach a few techniques and safety tips while GW officers offer the opportunity for students to engrave their personal and valuable belongings.

 **"#MeToo: Everybody Knows Somebody: How to Support Survivors in Our Lives" hosted by JCADA | Edlavitch DCJCC 1529 16th St. NW | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

The #MeToo campaign has brought to light the extent that friends, co-workers, and loved ones are affected by power-based violence, but how do we help? Learn from the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Violence (JCADA) about the rights of survivors and how you can support those around you who have experienced harassment or assault.

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April 11th

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Catholic University hosts “Denim Day”

All members of the campus community are invited to wear denim to raise awareness against destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Catholic University hosts “Take Back the Night” | Great Room A Pryzbyla Center | 7:00 PM

The 5th Annual Take Back the Night is an opportunity for students to rally to bring an end to sexual, relationship, and domestic violence in all forms. Intentionally striking a balance between remembrance and empowerment, Take Back The Night will feature stories of brave members of our own community.

George Washington University’s Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host “Victim Services Office Hours” | MSSC Room 1 | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

GW’s Office for Victim Services will hold office hours for students and employees to drop by to discuss any questions or concerns they have and learn more about the services the office provides.

April 12th

George Washington University’s Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host a “SAAM Community Resource Fair” | University Yards | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Varied university and community partners will provide a welcoming space for students to learn about supportive resources around sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking, and harassment both on campus and in the surrounding community.

George Washington University’s Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host “Snacks & Facts” | West Hall, Mount Vernon Campus | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Representatives from the GW’s Office of Victim Services, Title IX Office, and Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities will be available to students to talk about the services their offices provide and answer any questions students have. Light snacks will be provided!

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WEEK THREE

April 15th

 Fundraiser for Ayuda's Domestic Violence/Family Law legal team hosted by the literary journal "So To Speak" | Busboys and Poets of Shirlington, 4251 Campbell Ave, Arlington, VA 22206 | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM | [Link](#)

The fundraiser will focus on Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Representatives from Ayuda's DV/FL team will speak at the event about Sexual Assault and Ayuda's work to support victims.

April 16th

 Throughout the week George Washington University's Title IX Office and the Office of Victim Services host "How to Swipe Right - Tips for Online Dating" | April 16th - April 20th, 2018

The week of April 16th, the Title IX Office along with other campus partners will be posting on social media various tips for online dating and developing healthy and respectful relationships. Make sure to follow @GW_Haven.

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April 17th

 American University's Women's Initiative hosts a "Speaker Event with Emma Sulkowicz" | SIS Founders (AU students only)

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 **UDC's Men of Strength (MOST) Club hosts a "Healthy Masculinity Campus Conversation" | UDC Student Center, A Level | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Using storytelling to spark conversations, the Healthy Masculinity Campus Conversation creates an opportunity to raise the visibility of healthy masculinity across the campus community. Participants will hear powerful personal narratives from a set of storytellers before coming together to engage in a facilitated discussion of how unhealthy and healthy masculinity affects everyone.

April 18th

 **"Art as a Voice" hosted by DVRP | the DC Chinatown Community Center | 6:30 PM**

Art as A Voice is an art showcase where survivors and community members share how gender-based violence has affected their lives. Contributions of poetry, paintings, music, dance, spoken word and much more will be featured.

April 19th

 **DCRCC Teal Happy Hour hosted by the DCRCC Board of Directors | Philos Bar & Restaurant | 401 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001 | 6:00 PM**

Come out and meet the DCRCC Leadership Team & Staff

April 20th

 **Twitter Chat: "#MeToo: The Elephant on the Pew" to participate follow @DCRapeCrisisCenter | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

A powerful dialogue regarding the role of the church in this #MeToo Era. For more information please email dcrc@dcrc.org.

WEEK FOUR

April 21st

 **"Youth Summit" hosted by Men Can Stop Rape | UDC**

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April 22nd

**Film Screening of The Color Purple with post-film discussion | AFI Theater
| 5:00 PM**

Co-hosted by: Aha! Moment; AFI Theatre; Whitman-Walker Health; The DC Center; Pathways to Safety International; and What Makes You Human Project

Panelists: Jennifer Williams, African American Literature professor at Howard University; Keri Potts, Sr. Director of Communications at ESPN, advocate, SA survivor; Shanon Lee, author, advocate, survivor of marital rape; and Moderator: Larry Miller, Channel 9 Morning News anchor

American University's Panhellenic Council hosts "Hospital Kit Assembly from Clothing and Toiletry Drive for SANE patients | Butler Boardroom | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM (AU students only)

April 24th

Stewards of Children" community training hosted by Safe Shores | The D.C. Children's Advocacy Center | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Stewards of Children is an evidence-based training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

American University's Wellness Center and Career Center host a "Career Panel on Jobs in Sexual Assault Prevention and Response" | Letts Formal | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (AU students only)

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Catholic University hosts "Sit Down to Stand Up" | Pryzbyla Center Patio | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Students will be invited to sit in one the chairs on the Pryzbyla Center Lawn which represent the reports of sexual violence on Catholic University's campus during the 2016-2017 school year. Students and groups who participate will be provided reflection questions and the opportunity to visit tables on the Pryz Patio with Catholic University and community resources. This event is co-sponsored by Residence Life.

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April 25th

Denim Day!

Celebrate Denim Day in Washington DC by wearing jeans in order to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

 **DCCESV 3rd Quarter Coalition Meeting | Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street NW**
| 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM | [Link](#)

 **“Embrace Your Voice Expo on Denim Day” hosted by the Metropolitan Police Department’s Victim Services Branch in front of MPD Headquarters**
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | [Link](#)

Join a large group of survivors, citizens, community partners, Victim Services Branch, and other MPD personnel in an effort to demonstrate MPD’s continued support and dedication to victims of Sexual Assault. Remember to wear denim!

 **Men Can Stop Rape’s MOST and WISE Clubs host “Denim Day” at their schools**

 **The “Sasha Bruce Youthwork Benefit to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness” will celebrate the best young individuals and small businesses enriching communities in the DMV | District Winery 385 Water Street, SE**
Funds raised will go towards providing emergency shelter and housing for young people with nowhere else to turn, and to educational and job training so that the DMV’s youth can break the chains of homelessness.

 **American University’s Zeta Beta Tau and Wellness Center host “Right to Party: Consent Carnival!” | the Quad | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (AU students only)**

April 26th

 **American University’s Sexual Assault Working Group hosts “Title IX and Tacos: #MeToo Edition | MGC 2-4 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (AU students only)**

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April 27th

“A Fireside Chat” with DCRCC Executive Director Indira Henard, MSW & Clinical Director Tammi Hogan, LICSW | 5321 First Place NE, Washington, DC 20011 | 6:30 PM

This is a Monthly Client Gathering (Clients Only) Food will be provided. You must RSVP to thogan@dcrc.org

DCFNE is hosting “SANE in the City” | The Hill Center | 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE Washington DC | 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM | [Link](#)

SANE in the City is an opportunity to celebrate amazing forensic nurses, have some fun with friends and colleagues, and raise money to support DCFNE’s programs.

***** Catholic University will host “Shatter the Silence” on a date to be determined.**

Empowered voices will unite to speak to the unique experiences of members of the survivor community. The Counseling Center and PEERS will collaborate to create a safe and open dialogue about ending sexual violence.